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FROM: ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA
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Stockton, California
August 5, 1953

"Report on the Independent Progressive Party

"The Independent Progressive Party of San Joaquin County held
a meeting at the home of LURA and ARTHUR WALTER on Friday evening
July 31, 1953 and those attending were:

LURA WALTER
HATTIE BEOWN
DAVE FORBES
HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON
EVANGELINE KEYLOR
LARRY KILMER

"ARTHUR WALTER was away during most of the meeting and spent
the rest of the time in the kitchen fixing refreshments.

"After some discussion, the Club voted to ask HELEN SOBELL to
speak before a small invited group and the place selected
for the meeting was the WALTER home. The Corresponding
Secretary, LURA WALTER was instructed to send her an in-
vitation and if she accepts, EVANGELINE KEYLOR, LULU MAE
THOMPSON and LURA will meet at the THOMPSON's to address the
invitations.

"Since the Club has had no acknowledgement from the Regional
Office of payment of their monthly pledge of \$10.00 and they have

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received no word of the Party's activities on the State or National level, the Corresponding Secretary, LURA was instructed on vote from the Club, to write to the office and state our reasons for discontinuing our pledge payments until we receive such word.

"The Club members were asked as individuals to write to Rep. REED protesting the new MC CARRAN BILL, S-16.

"August 14, 1953 was set as the date for the next meeting at the same place."

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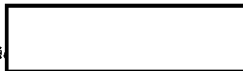
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Dear Leila:

Welcome home from what sounds like a swell trip.

Here is your latest with the hope that the 'balance'
will be forthcoming in not too distant future. What do you
think of another get together?

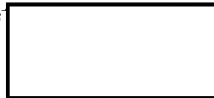
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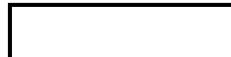
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- c) 6-10 yrs.
- d) 11-15 yrs.
- e) 16-20 yrs.
- f) over 20 yrs.



4. National minorities:

- a) Negro _____
- b) Mexican-American _____
- c) Other _____
- d) Jewish _____

5. No. in trade unions

- a) AFL
- b) CIO
- c) IML

6. No. basic or concentration industry

- a) Maritime _____
- b) Hldg. Trades _____
- c) Steel _____
- d) Auto _____
- e) Agri. _____

7. No. Farmers

8. No. in Non-Left Mass Organizations

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| a) 1. Dem. Party _____ | 3. LLPH _____ |
| 2. Young Dem. _____ | 4. P.A.C. _____ |
| b) 1. NAACP _____ | 5. Masons _____ |
| 2. ALA _____ | 6. Negro Women's Orgs. _____ |
| c) Jewish Orgs. _____ | 7. Mexican-American Orgs. _____ |
| d) Unkers _____ | 8. IFA, Nursery, etc. _____ |
| e) Peace Orgs. _____ | 9. Youth _____ |
| f) Churches _____ | 10. Farm _____ |

9. No. in Schools, Classes or organized Study Groups

10. No. Assigned to Non-left Mass Organizations

San Francisco, Calif.,
October, 1953.

TO ALL COUNTIES, SECTIONS AND CLUBS:

The attached draft Memo on the 1954 Elections is to be used as the basis for discussions thruout the organization. It is suggested that such discussions be held both in leading bodies and in the clubs.

The following reading material is to be used:

1. "New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy." pamphlet by Andrew Stevens. Section IV, The Municipal and 1954 Congressional Elections, pp72 -84. (Main report delivered at the National Conference of the Communist Party, U. S. S.)
2. Resolutions of the National Committee, POLITICAL AFFAIRS, June 1953.
3. PW editorials on the results of the various California elections.

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MEMO ON 1954 ELECTION PROSPECTS

The long-expected appointment of Warren to the Supreme Court has launched an unusually early discussion and activity looking toward the 1954 elections by both major parties. The Republican Party has great stakes in the California elections next year. Three California Republican leaders now hold key positions nationally in each of the three divisions of government (Nixon - executive; Knowland - legislative; Warren - judicial). Presumably each is an outstanding presidential prospect for 1956, particularly if Eisenhower does not run for re-election. Election of a Republican Governor and U.S. Senator, and of a predominately Republican Congressional delegation and State Legislature will have a big bearing on who will control the California delegation to the Republican National Convention in 1956, and determine the key role it will play.

The elevation of Knight to the Governorship, making him the incumbent Republican candidate for Governor next year, brings to a head the dilemma facing the Republicans in California. There has been a growing split in the Republican Party, occasioned by the opposition to Warren's "liberal" course. Warren had to engage in a demagogic course in order to win elections in a state with a substantial of Democratic voters. The opposition to Warren came from those who favored a more conscious orientation to the Right, a more openly reactionary course. Of course, there is not the slightest doubt that either grouping in the Republican Party represents the conscious instrument of Big Business, using its preferred vehicle, the Republican Party. These differences therefore represent only differences over tactics on how best to serve Big Business, and are not to be taken too seriously. There also seem to be differences between Knowland and Nixon over the rich plums of patronage. But with the great stakes that the Republican Party has in the coming election, an effort is being made to patch up a semblance of unity among the warring factions to better work for the rich prizes ahead.

Knight is in the anti-Warren camp, and at one time threatened to run against him. However, as an incumbent candidate he now faces the problem of wooing the Democratic voters as Warren did, and he is trying to ride two horses at the same time. While Knight is in a very strong position for the Governor's race, there is less likelihood of his being able to split labor and Democratic support than Warren did. Senator Bucher, who won his position by appointment and now faces his first election, is not in as strong a position as Knight, and would have to depend considerably on a big victory for Knight to carry him along.

The Democrats have been engaged in intensive organizational activities ever since the 1952 elections, in an effort to re-organize their forces after the 1952 defeat. There has been a resurgence of Democratic clubs, many of them with large membership and file participation and often with a considerable number of trade unionists participating in them, with the encouragement of the AFL and CIO. State leaders have been speaking at a number of regional and Congressional district meetings and conferences. They had one state conference at Ailomar, and another is planned for November, as well as Congressional District preliminary conferences, in February, to reach agreement in advance on candidates. The Young Democrats have also experienced revival.

But politically the Democrats are not so well prepared. They have not yet fully drawn the lessons from the 1952 election defeat. At the Asilomar conference, there was substantial agreement on the need for a progressive domestic platform, but the issue of foreign policy was dodged. While there was and undercurrent of criticism of the Truman policy, the Democratic leadership went along with the Administration position, but agreed to discuss foreign policy at some future meeting. The Stevenson speech calling for peaceful negotiations marked a big change in the situation, and was reflected in speeches by state leaders subsequently. But the Democrats are still committed to the position of opposing cuts in the arms budget, and to treating Ike gently, as a Democrat at heart who is a prisoner of the main villains. Stevenson is looked up to as the most influential leader of the Democratic Party, particularly by the Young Democrats, so his position on peaceful negotiations will have an important influence on their thinking on foreign policy. There is also an increase of speaking out on McCarthyism among Democratic leaders.

Labor's role is considerably handicapped by its being wounded to the bi-partisan foreign policy. (This was best illustrated by the AFL Convention blasting Eisenhower Administration policies and Ike personally and then hailing Dulles' foreign policy speech.) But there are signs of a big change regarding political action, since the 1952 election defeat. There was labor unity in the last legislature between the AFL and CIO on the "Right to Work" bills, and with the NAACP on FEP. Both issues resulted in militant activity, involving considerable rank-and-file participation, including mass delegations to Sacramento hearings on the anti-labor bills, and a march on Sacramento for FEP sponsored jointly by AFL, CIO and NAACP. There was at least formal labor unity in the Alameda and L.A. municipal elections, with a considerable amount of political activity by labor. In the special elections in the L.A. 24th Congressional District and some Assembly Districts there is labor unity around candidates. In S. F. however the municipal elections have revealed an all-time low in labor's political activity, and this applies to the independent unions as well as the AFL and CIO.

Despite the strong position of the Republican Party, there is a fluid situation in regard to the main issues before the people, which could under the right circumstances result in the beginning of a comeback by the labor and democratic forces in the 1954 elections. The peace issue, which was used so demagogically by Eisenhower, is now at a new stage compared to 1952. The economic situation is bringing masses of workers and farmers into motion as the signs of a depression increase. The rising alarm at McCarthyism is spreading to ever-broader circles, and taking the form of greater resistance. The struggle for Negro rights is becoming a more powerful factor, in the face of Eisenhower's broken promises and Republican-Dixiecrat alliance. And then there is the beginning of a more class-conscious approach in the general feeling that a millionaire cabinet is running the country for Big Business' benefit.

We should approach the 1954 elections with a realization of their tremendous importance far beyond the bounds of this state. We are not only electing a Governor and Senator, Congressmen and Legislature from the second largest state. The role of any one of them taken on national importance for the national political conventions of 1956 and the presidential elections. The present role of Knowland and Nixon in spearheading the war camp as its most aggressive spokesmen; the role of Knowland as Senate majority leader on major policy legislation; the role of Nixon

in advancing McCarthyism, and more recently as the Administration's hatchetman against labor on the Taft-Hartley law - all this would be greatly strengthened by a Republican victory, and weakened by even a partial defeat. We should also not overlook the fact that any economic decline will hit California especially hard, with its dependence on agriculture, war production and trade - all of which will feel the effects most.

The main line of policy for the 1954 elections has already been laid down in the Resolution of the National Committee on the 1952 election and the Report to the National Conference. Its application to California means a People's Coalition to defeat the Knowland-Knight-Kuchel-Nixon ticket. The elements of such a coalition are: a united labor movement; a farmer-labor alliance; an alliance of labor with Negro and Mexican-American people of California. The main vehicle of such a coalition will of necessity be the Democratic Party primaries. The aim of labor-progressive forces should be to achieve unity behind single candidates in the Democratic primaries, if possible agreed upon in advance. The organizational forms will be thru the joint action of political action committees of unions (LIFE, PAC). Democratic clubs, farmers' organizations, and organizations of the Negro and Mexican-American people. The objective should be the maximum independent political role by the labor and progressive forces, but in unity or joint or parallel action with the broadest possible forces.

The main aim of labor-progressive forces should be to achieve unity behind single candidates in the Democratic primaries, if possible agreed upon in advance. These candidates should be the strongest and broadest that can be obtained for the chief offices, with the objective of getting agreement on an anti-war, anti-depression, anti-McCarthyism platform.

A second aim should be to strengthen the bloc of progressive, pro-labor anti-McCarthyite spokesmen in Congress and the legislature; the election of some Negro and Mexican-American candidates. There should be an orientation to including a number of such candidates in selections for the primaries.

Thirdly, a major political effort must be made by the left-progressive forces, within the framework of this general policy, to keep the L-P on the ballot, which would require running a minimum number of candidates, concentrating on one or two key statewide posts, and conducting an intensive campaign on the issues with a view to helping build the people's coalition and influencing for a progressive platform for the major candidates.

A number of concrete proposals to start implementing this policy are under discussion. The main thing is that the preparations for the 1954 election must start now, a full year ahead, and we must launch immediately the most intensive discussion on these questions in our own ranks, in the press and in public discussion among the masses.

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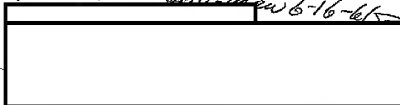
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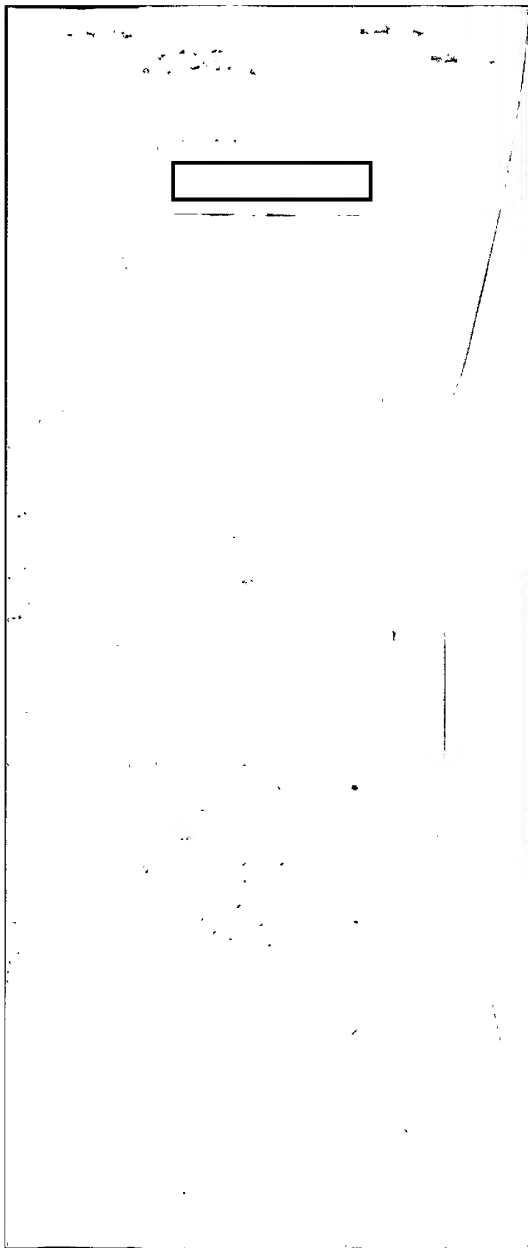
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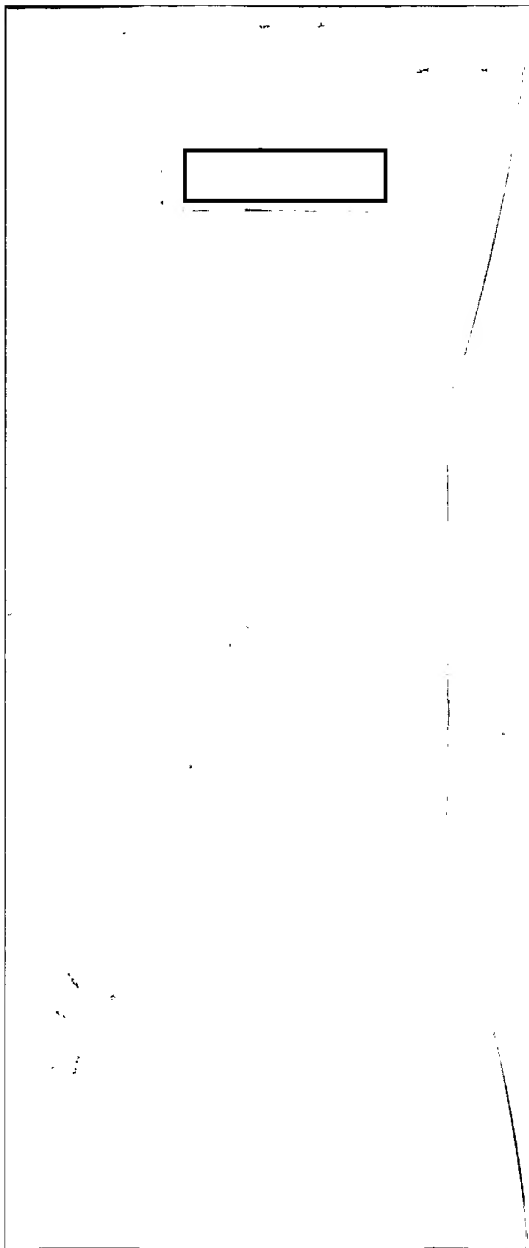
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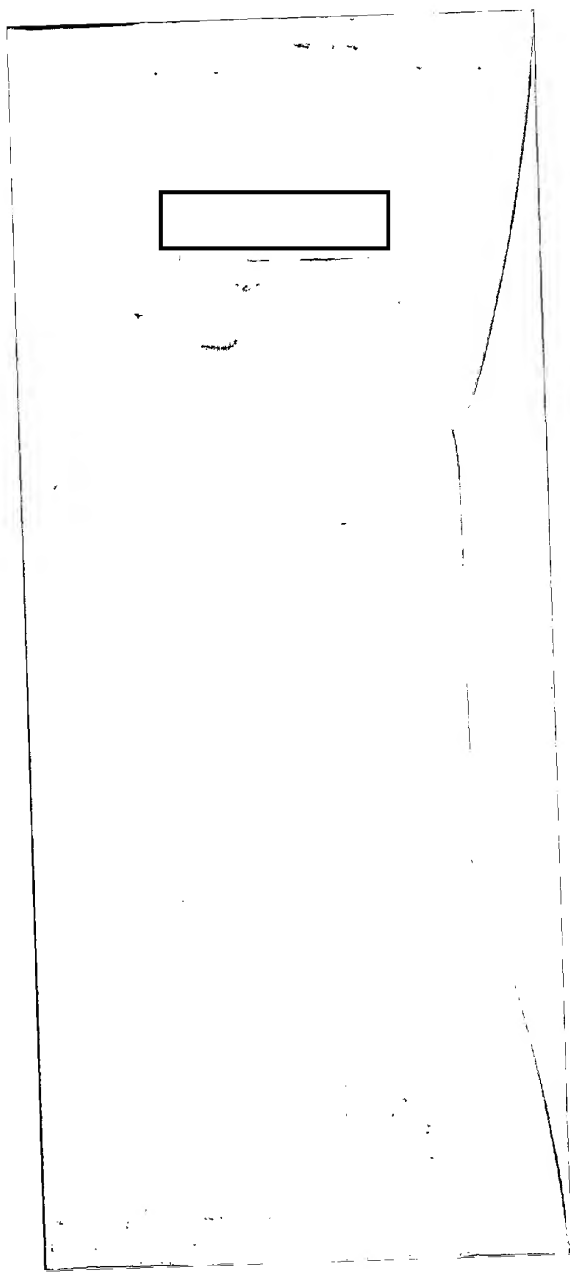
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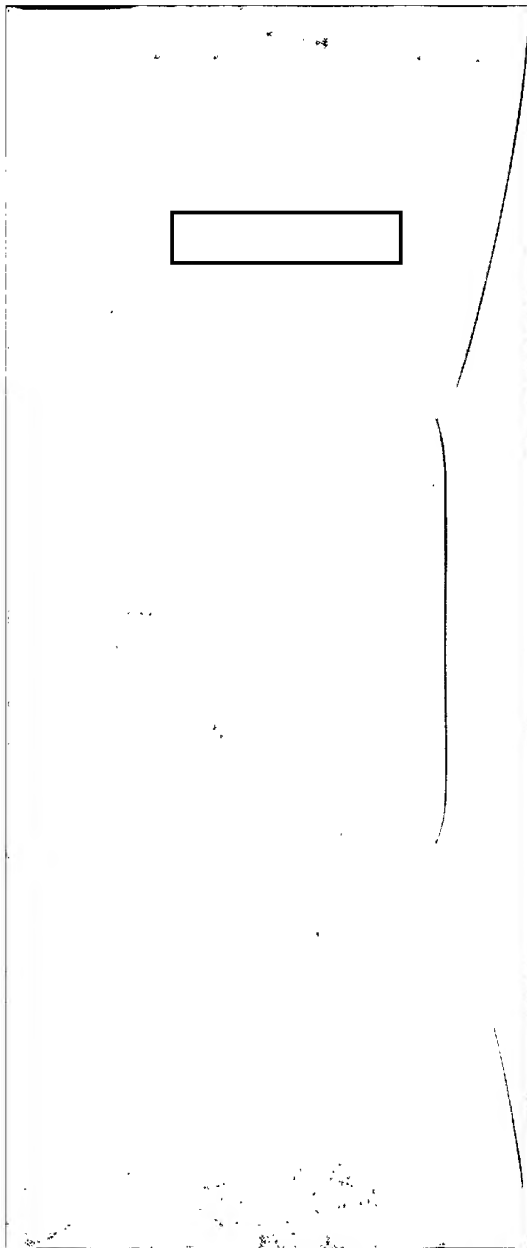
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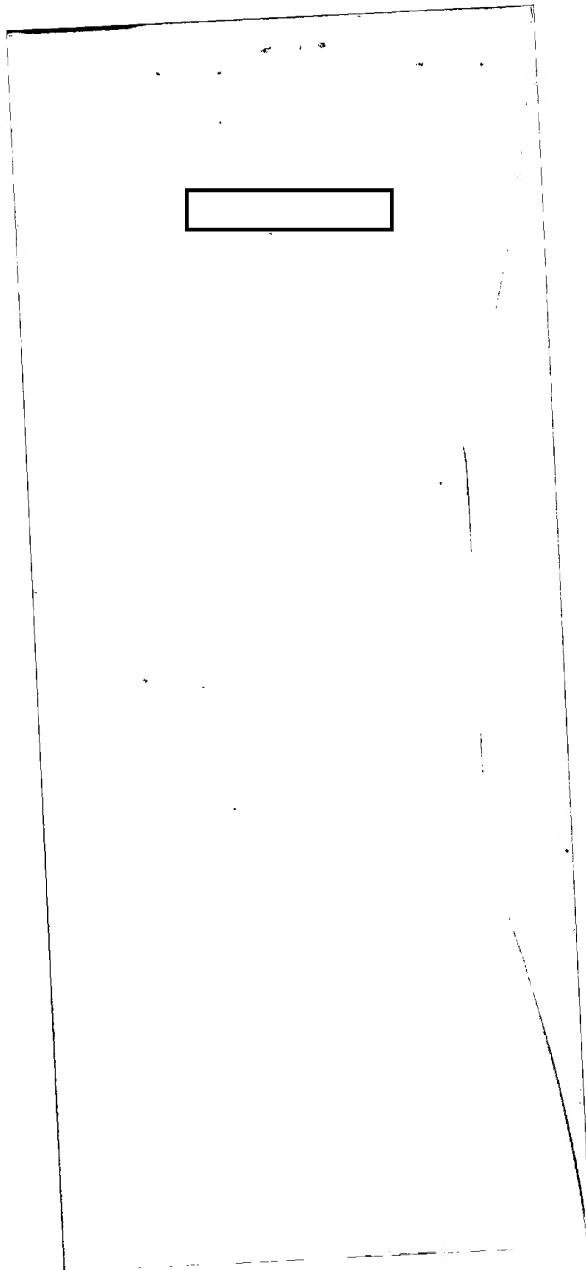
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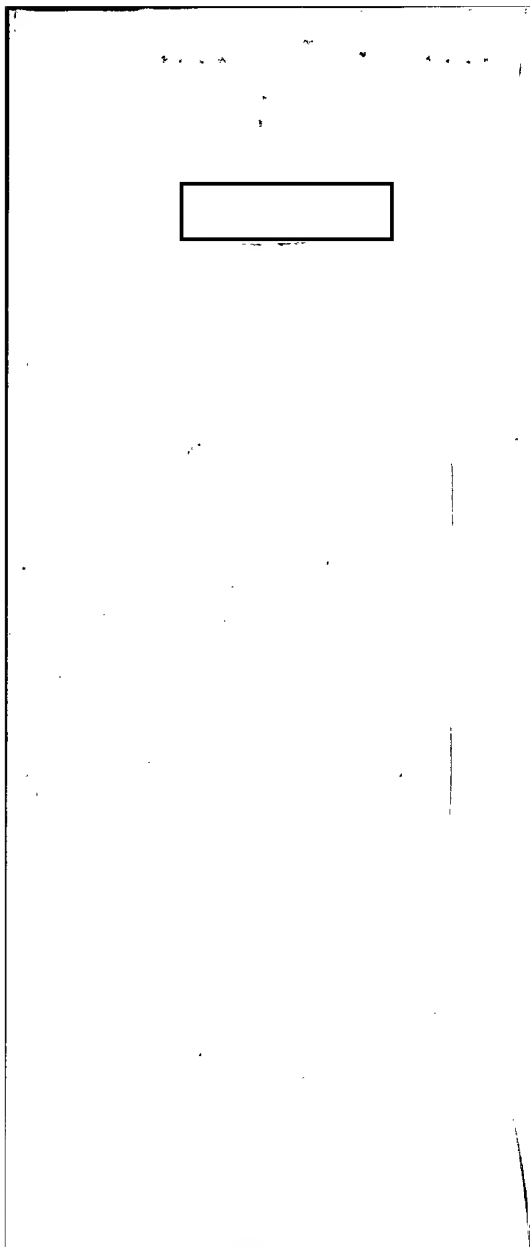
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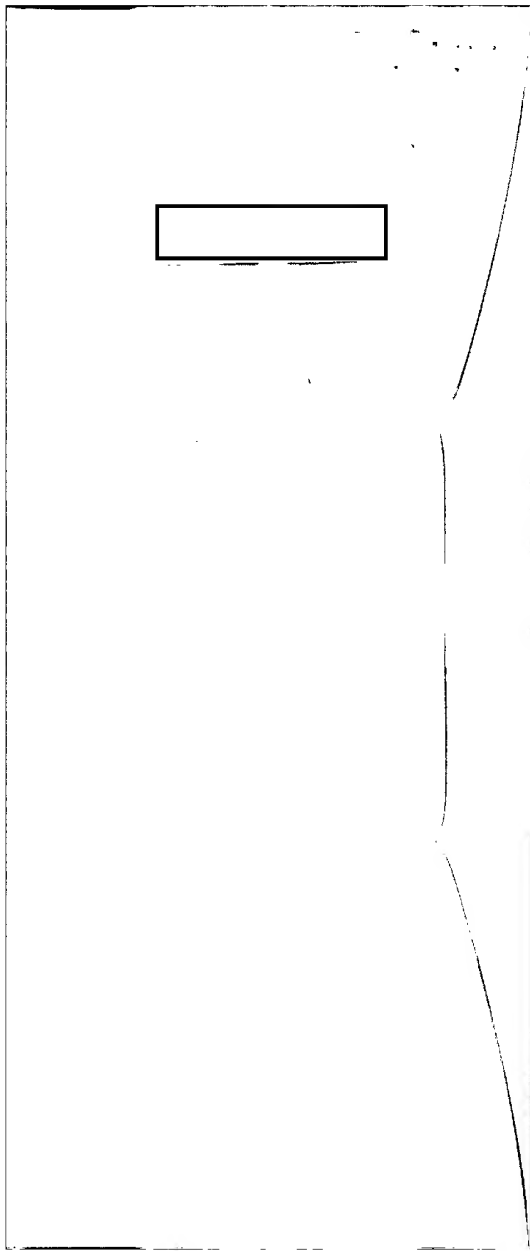
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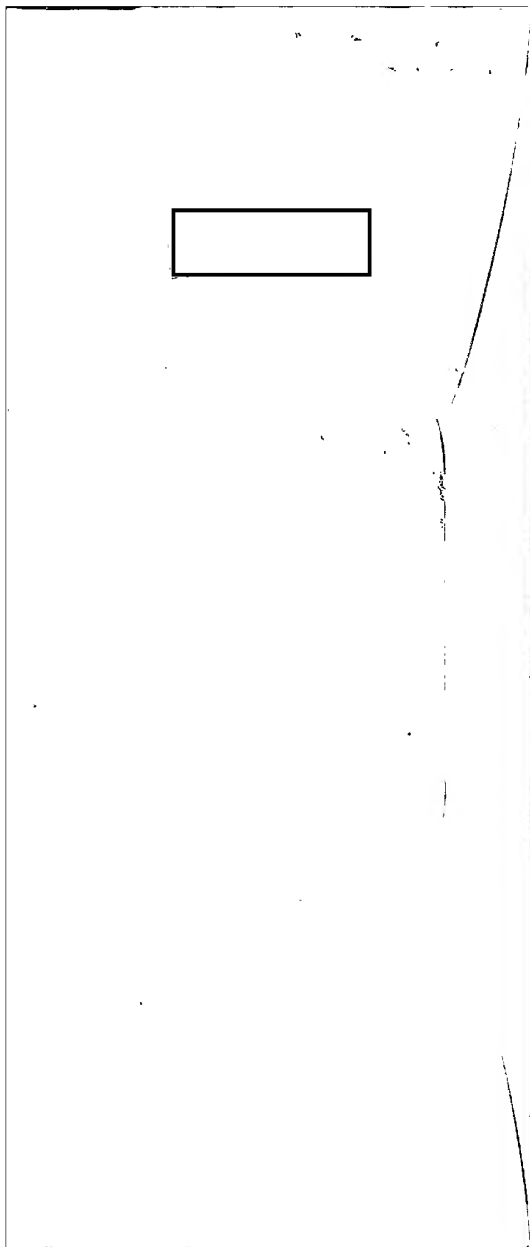
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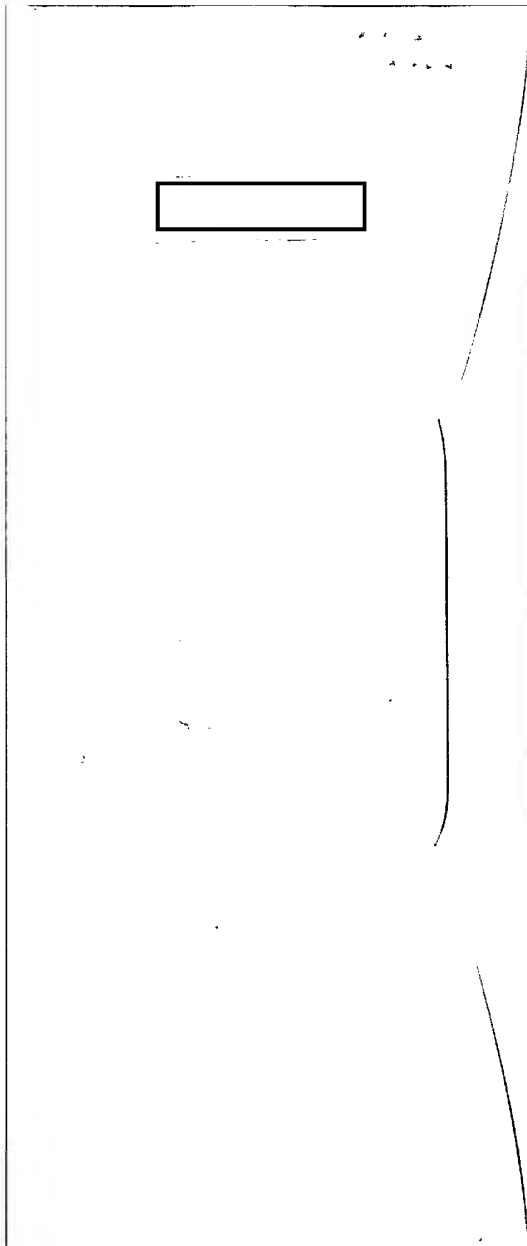
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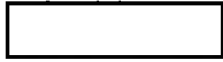
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Policy procedures re CP
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POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON APPLICATIONS FOR READMISSION

1. A uniform policy and practice on all applications or requests for readmission must be followed by all counties in the state.
2. The following method is to be used:

- a) Every person requesting re-admission must make out a written statement, answering questions set down in the mimeographed form entitled "Application for Readmission."

This must be written by the person seeking re-admission, not merely taken down orally by an interviewer.

- b) Persons seeking re-admission must be sponsored by two members in good standing, as is the case with recruits.

At least one of the sponsors must make a written statement setting forth his knowledge of the applicant, and specifically answering the questions contained in the mimeographed form entitled "Statement of Sponsor on Applicant for Readmission."

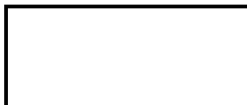
- c) All applications for re-admission must be cleared thru the County Review Commissions; in the case of small counties which do not have a county review body, they must be cleared by the leading political body in the area.

-The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, should arrange for a full verification of the applicant.

- The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, should check with the State Review Commission before any final action is taken.

- d) Only after final action is taken according to the above procedure shall a person be attached to a club or otherwise connected with the Party.
- e) If the applicant for re-admission is rejected, the reasons for such rejection should be stated to him clearly and plainly, so that no uncertainty shall remain. The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, shall determine who is to be responsible for this task.

3. There are to be no deviations from this policy, and no exceptions made.



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POLICY ON TRANSFERS

The following policy must govern all transfers from now on:

1. Any person desiring transfer must get the approval of his branch and section organizer. The latter will be held politically responsible for recommending the transfer. (Higher bodies, state or national, have the right and responsibility to hold up and turn back any transfers not satisfactorily meeting requirements or on which there is disagreement as to desirability of transfer.) The S.C. shall write out a statement for transfer, which shall include:
 - a) Reason for transfer (health, job, family, etc.)
 - b) Brief political characterization (describing person as "good" or limiting description to "loyal" is inadequate.) Any disciplinary actions previously taken should be noted; where indicated, a more detailed account shall be given of such action. No one about whom there are any doubts as to integrity or sincerity shall be transferred.
2. Statement of transfer shall include person's name and new address, and a code name or word whereby the one who visits transferred person in new city is identified. Person being transferred shall be told by section of this code name or word. This means of identification is to protect person being transferred since he has no other way of knowing if one visiting him is an authentic representative of organization. If new or permanent address is not known before leaving old city, person being transferred should give place of employment and/or name of friend or relative in whose care he may be reached, and this person should be alerted for visit in new city.
3. Unstable elements who tend to shift from place to place shall not be transferred. This is not to be construed as covering unemployed members who are seeking jobs. However, in this contingency, prior discussion should be held and final transfer held up pending knowledge that person is permanently settled.
4. Persons moving to another state to remain only a short period and then return to home shall not be transferred. If they are in a position to be active in the new city, they should be advised to become active in some field of mass work.
5. No organization shall accept a member whose transfer has not come through. This must be adhered to even if reason for delay or failure of transfer to arrive is not the fault of member. It is not enough for person in new city to vouch for person on basis of past knowledge about newcomer.
6. The person being transferred will be visited by a representative of the local organization in the new city in which he will live. This representative will identify himself by the code name or word. The purpose of this visit is not to inform the person being transferred as to where and when his new branch will meet. Rather, this preliminary visit is for the purpose of establishing contact and making it possible for this representative to get a much better

picture of who transferee is. This representative shall report back to branch and upon the branch's approval, transferee will be invited to the next branch meeting. If the new branch has any serious doubts, it can refuse to accept the transferee, whereupon the matter is turned over to the section. The section is the final judge in the matter, either rejecting or sustaining the action of the branch, or sending its own representative to see the transferee with a view to further consideration of the matter.

7. It will be noted that the procedures recommended do away with the old concept that any member who moved automatically was considered transferrable. The standards set regarding transfers must be far stricter and more rigidly adhered to than was previously the case, keeping in mind the present period.

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Robert F. Savage

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The following information was furnished orally to the writer by SF 1604-S on 8/2/54. This information concerns matter^s discussed at the Communist Party Northern California Valley outlying counties meeting held at the California Labor School on 7/11/54 and is set out as follows:

OLETA YATES stated that the reason that the Communist Party went underground is that it was believed that Fascism in the U.S. was at hand. She stated that the reason that the Underground failed was poor contacts between the Underground and the operating Party. She said that there was no way to establish quick contact between the leadership and the party itself. She further advised that the only place where the contact is good is in Chico, California. YATES indicated, that for security reasons, a small group of Comrades will remain in an Underground status. According to her, the elections have shown that there is no need for great worry regarding Fascism and that the people are united against McCARTHY.

YATES stated that the clubs in the future are to be made up of not less than five people, whereas in the past they have been from three to five people. The Northern Regional Committee will meet at regular periods, probably monthly.

In a discussion by those present, it was concluded that the Communist Party had worked so closely with the IPP and that the IPP had adhered so closely to the CP line that the IPP had become isolated from the American people. It was decided that the nearest thing to a people's party is the Democratic Party and that members of the CP should work with them on any issue that coincides with a CP objective.

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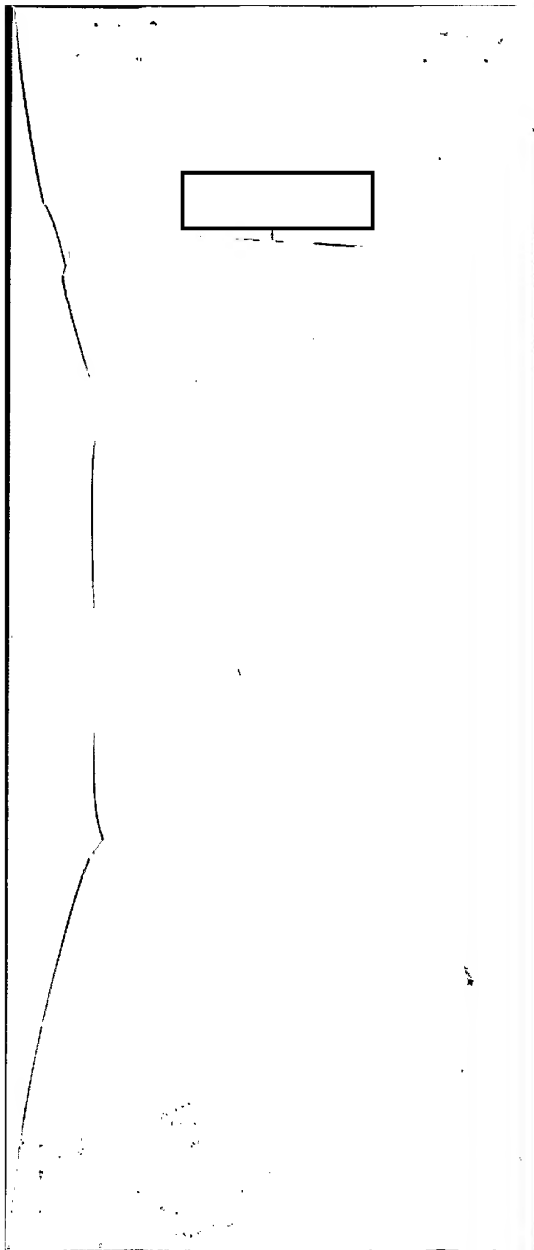
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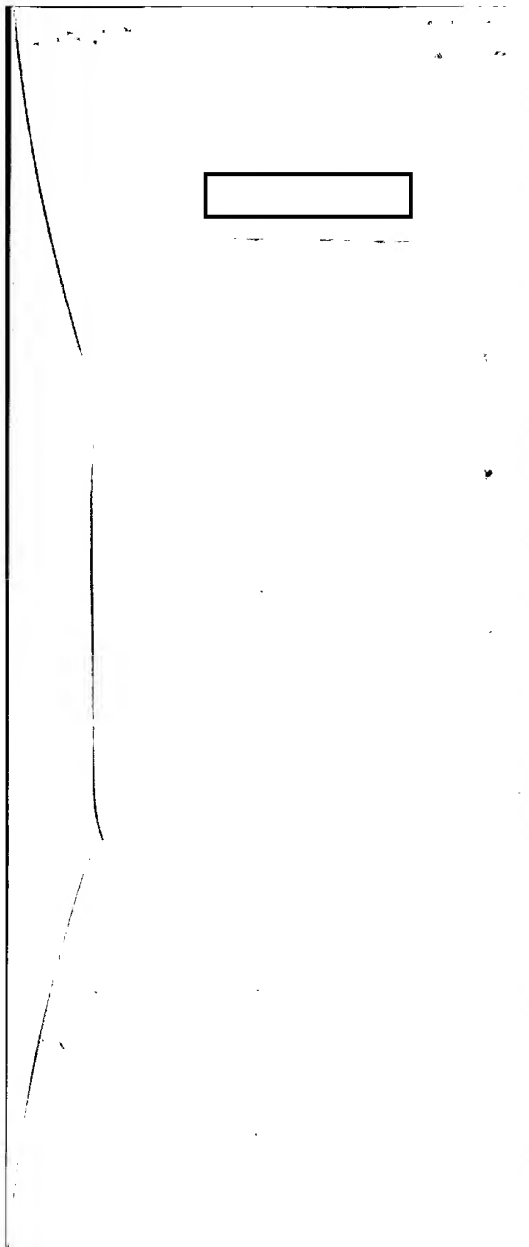
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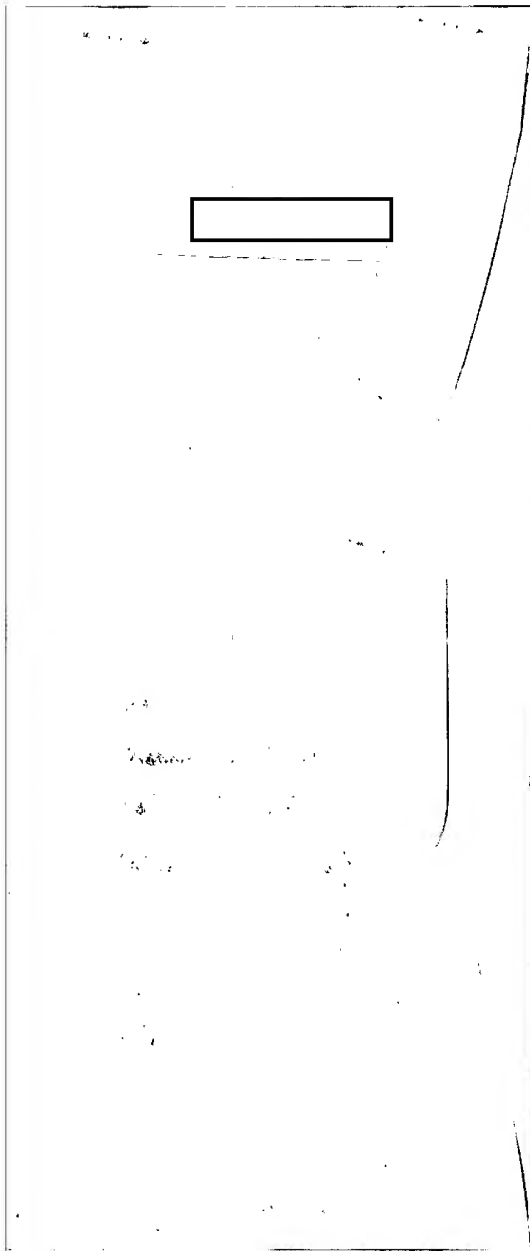
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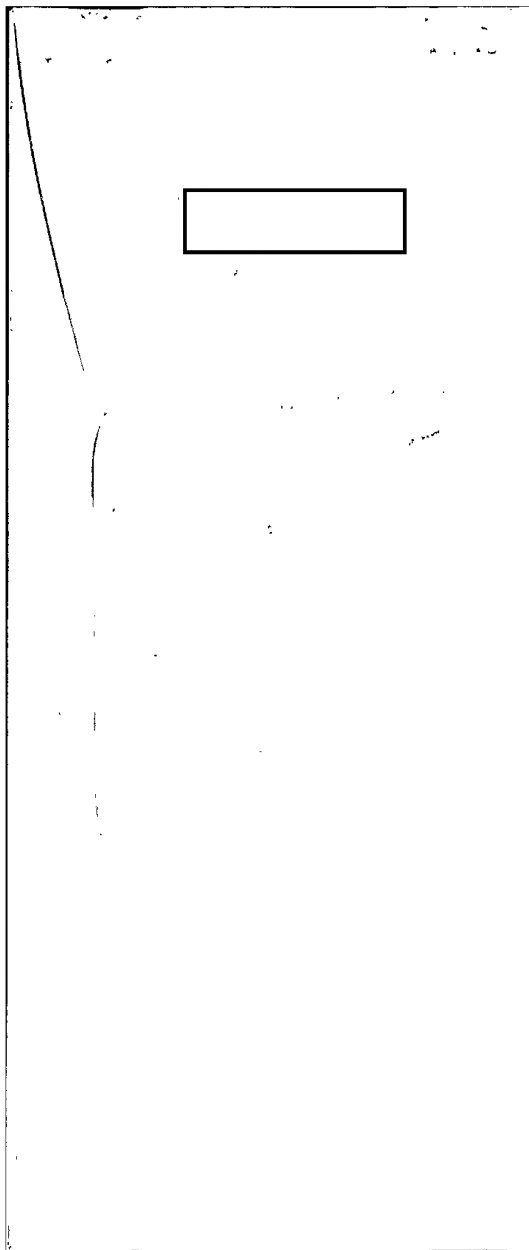
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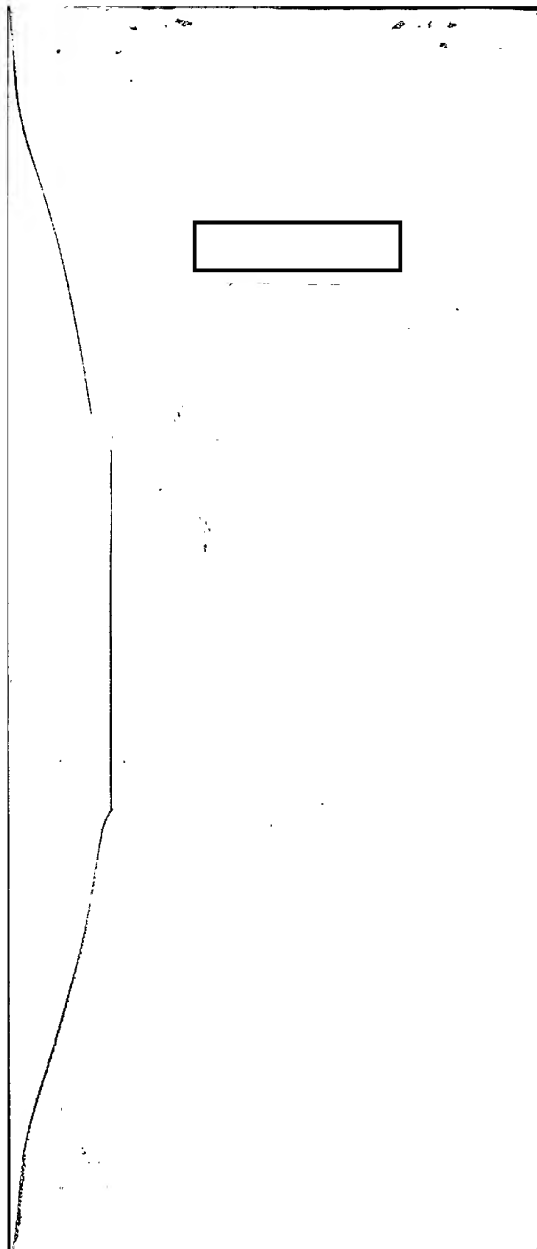
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP Activities, San Joaquin County
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DATE: 9/22/53

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 8/20/53. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Stockton, California
August 19, 1953

"Report on the Independent Progressive Party

"A regular meeting of the Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the home of Arthur and Lura Walter on August 14, 1953 and those attending were:

"Dave Forbes
Lura Walter
Leo Konopko
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Howard and Evangeline Keylor

"Corresponding Secretary Lura Walter said that Mrs. Sobell had to return to New York so she was unable to come to Stockton on the 11th of August as we had requested to speak for us. She will return to California before too long on another speaking tour and she will give us advance notice so we can arrange a date for her to appear in Stockton. The Keylor's said that Mae Murray wants to know when Mrs. Sobell will appear here so she can bring some folks from Modesto to hear her.

"Dave Forbes said that he was the only person from

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"the group to attend the NAACP meeting and he reported that that group will take an active part in the Minority Groups Survey that is to be carried out in Stockton in January. The NAACP was to hold a pot-luck dinner at Louis Park on Sunday, August 16, 1953 and the Keylors, Dave Forbes and Leo Konopko were all planning on attending.

"The Northern Regional Office in San Francisco did not reply to our letter asking for information on the Party activities and receipts for our monthly payments so the Corresponding Secretary was told to send a Registered Letter to the State Chairman, Lynn Childs.

"The Club desires more information on the Sobell case so the Corresponding Secretary was asked to write to the former Rosenberg Defense Committee for any literature they might have and also to ask for a transcript of the Rosenberg trial for a friend of Howard Keylor's who is willing to pay for a copy for his own use.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Walter's home on the 28th of August, 1953."

SAC (100-21286)

10/5/53

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

GP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
IS -C

The following written report was furnished by SF 1604-S to the writer on 9/2/53. This report is set out verbatim and the original is being maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, California"
"August 31, 1953"

"Report on the Communist Party

"Following the Meeting of the Independent Progressive Party Club on Friday evening, August 28, 1953, HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR and DAVE FOLBES asked those present who were acquainted with MARVIN MURRAY, son of WALD and MAY MURRAY, not to have anything to do with him if he should come around. They said he has left home and is living with some woman. He has told his folks that, unless they give him a thousand dollars he will go to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and tell them everything he knows of their activities. They said they were told he carries a long knife with him at all times. They were given to understand that the woman was formerly connected with a gang of dope peddlers, but that she had given up the gang for MARVIN. He gang is now 'out to get MARVIN' so he carries the knife for protection. They are supposed to be living in or around Empire."

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cc: [redacted]

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"Stockton, California"
"August 31, 1953"

"Report on the Independent Progressive Party

"The regular meeting of the Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the home of ARTHUR and LURA WALTER on Friday evening, August 28, 1953. ~~Those~~ present were:

"DAVE FORBES

"LURA WALTER

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"The Club voted to order 100 copies of the ROSENBERG'S death house letters and the covering letter to be mailed out in this territory.

"HOWARD KEYLOR advanced the project of the new pamphlet published by the Pacific Publishing Foundation, titled 'McCarthy, The Man and the Ism', by JOSEPH MORTON and the Club ordered sixty copies to distribute in this area.

"LURA WALTER was delegated to be the Club's representative at the Regional Conference of the Party in San Francisco. LULU MAE THOMPSON announced that she would be in San Francisco that day also and would take in part of the meeting.

"The next meeting will be held as a pot-luck dinner at the THOMPSON home on Friday evening, September 11, 1953."

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following information was furnished by SF 1604-S to the writer on October 28, 1953. This information is in the form of a letter written on the "Daily People's World" stationery from LEO BAROWAY to LEILA NOLAND and is set out as follows:

"Sept 15"

"Dear Leila:

"Welcome home from what sounds like a swell trip.

"Here is your latest with the hope that the 'balance' will be forthcoming in not too distant future. What do you think of another get together?"

"with best regards to all

"Leo"

"P.S. This brings your total to 199⁴⁰ or 50⁶⁰ shy of your goal."

Also contained on this letter is typing without a ribbon. Presumably, another letter was written prior to the letter to LEILA NOLAND. The information on this letter is set out as follows:

"Sept. 15"

"Lester Blackstein
New York, N.Y."

"Dear Lester:

"Just a line to let you know that leaflets you wrote about some two weeks ago arrived, but there is only one package which holds no more than 350 - 400 copies. What happened to the rest?"

"While we are working out a program, it is stymied til the material arrives. Kindly look into it right away."

"Best regards

"Leo"

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A separate letter is being written to the New York Office regarding
LESTER BLICKSTEIN. No further action is recommended.

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12/14/53

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 11/18/53. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
November 17, 1953"

"On the afternoon of Wednesday, November 11, 1953, Mae Murray and her family of children arrived at the home of the Thompson's. Mae Murray wanting to pass on the following information:

"A few days before, they had been contacted by the F.B.I. but had refused to have anything to do with them. The following day, Mae stopped by La Verne's (Marvin Murray's girl friend) place and found an F.B.I. operative in conversation with Marvin. Supposedly, hiring Marvin as a truck driver for one of the large truck companies. But later Marvin told his mother that they, she and Curley, had pushed him too far and that he had gone to the F.B.I. So May was making this trip to warn everyone of this.

May Murray stated there would be a mobilizations of the N.A.A.C.P. on Sunday, the 15th of November, to contact persons for money to be used in defense of the young Negro who shot and killed a labor contractor in this area recently.

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"On the night of Thursday, November 12th Howard Keylor came to the home of Thompson's to contact Leila Noland and obtain information concerning Marvin Murray and the N.A.A.C.P. mobilization. Stated he was bringing his wife home from San Francisco that night.

"Leila Noland left Thompson's, Sunday at about 12 noon for mobilization and was to have met the Modesto people at Bell's Mortuary, but did not and so she and Dave Forbes contacted some people and agreed to bring the defense matter up at the NAACP meeting Monday night. Due to stormy weather conditions Noland and Thompson's did not go to NAACP meeting Monday night."

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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No action recommended.

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January 15, 1954

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"Stockton, California
December 17, 1953

"Report on The Communist Party

"On Tuesday evening, December 8, 1953, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson drove to the home of Howard Keyler, Lulu Mae staying with Evangeline while Howard Thompson and Howard Keyler drove to Tracy to see the Dodsons. Upon arrival at the trailer camp, which is the first on the left after the overpass going into Tracy from Stockton, it was found the Dodsons were not home. They decided to visit Jack Jilbert, who is living in the same cabin at the regular address. Quite a discussion was held on the duties of a Communist Party member, the minimum requirements are to pay dues, read the People's World and attend meetings. Jilbert stated he had not paid any dues since the early part of the year, due mainly to sickness (he was hospitalized during the summer), his car is old and decrepit, making it impossible for him to attend meetings, but he did agree to contact the Dodsons, asking them to come to a Communist Party meeting to be held at the home of Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson, to be held at the convenience of Jilbert and the Dodsons.

"During the evening, in the course of the conversation, Howard Keyler stated that it had been suggested by both the County Cells and the State Committee that one person from each of the (two) cells meet with Howard Keyler to discuss work plans and accomplishments, thereby eliminating duplication of

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effort as well as acquainting each cell with the others problems. Thompson stated he would be willing to meet with the others at any time desired, but felt that there were others better qualified to meet and discuss organizational problems. Whereupon, Howard Keyler stated he felt Laina Mae Thompson was about the best qualified along this line, but he felt she should be protected from the surveillance of the FBI.

"Also stated by Howard Keyler was the fact that the other cell made up a work plan last spring and agreed to contact and do work in one of the concentration industries (believed to be a cannery). These contacts were not made properly and the attempts to work into these organizations were futile. They since agreed to set up a lesser work plan of a more realistic nature and to work toward the infiltration of other organizations.

"As of this date, December 17, 1953, no contact by the Dadsens or Communist Party meetings have been held."

No action recommended.

SAC (100-28062 J)

January 28, 1954

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 12/21/53. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Stockton, California"
December 17, 1953"

"Report on the Independent Progressive Party"

"Leo Konopko was the honor guest at a dinner and Christmas Party which was held at the Howard Thompson home on Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1953.

"Those present to honor Leo were:
Leslie and Ruth Schlingheyde, Modesto
Curley and May Murray, Ceres
Leila Noland
Dave Forbes
Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Arthur Walter and Lura
Vivian Crittle and children
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Julia Cabeebe and daughter
Joe, a Filipino, about 50, gray hair, stocky build who came with Julia Cabeebe.

"After dinner, gifts were presented to Leo and the rest of the afternoon was spent in informal visiting.

"Chairman of the afternoon was Lulu Mae Thompson and she was assisted by Howard Thompson, Leila Noland and Lura Walter."

No action recommended.

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"Stockton, California
December 8, 1953

"Report on the Communist Party

"At about 1:30 P. on Monday, December 7, 1953,
Howard Keylor arrived at the home of Howard
Thompson for a discussion of the outline of "The
Draft Memo of the State Committee of the Communist
Party" concerning the 1954 elections. (A copy of
which is enclosed). The State Committee wishes a
very deep study of the outline by all members.

"The other item discussed was the re-registration
of all members in the party with the use of a form as
enclosed. The number of the copy belonging to Howard
Keylor was 32, written in ink in the upper right hand
corner. The summary sheet which he was to use, com-
bining the results of the results of the two clubs
had only numbers and letters and was numbered 44.

"There was then a discussion on Jack and Betty
Dodson and the method or availability of trying to
bring them back into the party, collection of the back
dues which the Dodsons now owe, either in a lump sum
or by their agreeing to make installment payments,
thereby allowing them to be reinstated and cleared
as members of the Communist Party and entered on the
register as active members of the Communist Party.

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"Howard Keylor asked Howard Thompson to go down to Tracy with him to contact the Dodsons and it was agreed that the Thompsons would go into Stockton, Tuesday December 6th at about 6:00 PM and Lulu Mae will stay with Evnageline while the two men go to visit the Dodsons. They expect to visit Jack Jilbert at a later date and find out if it is possible for him to come to meetings. Howard Keylor said he had not had any success with Jilbert.

"Leila Noland is still at the Bergmans at Pine Grove, but is expected to arrive home any day now."

No action recommended.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
IS - C

On 1/25/54, the following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, California
"January 21, 1954

"Report on the Communist Party

"At about 11:00 a.m. on the 6th of January, 1954, HOWARD KEYLOR drove to the home of HOWARD THOMPSON in order to hold a meeting for the re-organization and reactivation of that cell of the Communist Party.

"After lunch with the THOMPSONS the meeting was held, with HOWARD KEYLOR leading the meeting and bringing up for discussion the re-registration of all members. During this discussion, he stated that he and THOMPSON had tried to contact the DODSONS and were unable to do so, but had contacted JACK JILBERT and he, in turn, had agreed to contact the DODSONS and bring them up to a meeting. He was not re-registered and did not bring his dues to date. THOMPSON and NOLAN were to try again to contact the DODSONS and to re-register them, if possible. The substance of the objections of the DODSONS seemed to be fear.

"KEYLOR brought with him copies of two Communist Papers, "Journal for Lasting Peace for a People's Democracy" (copy enclosed) and a copy of "Negro Affairs Quarterly."

"A request for discussion on the Draft Memo on the 1954 Elections (copy sent in in an earlier report) from the State Committee was not complied with because the members had not made a thorough study of it.

"KEYLOR stated that they wanted a distribution of the People's World broadside. THOMPSON agreed to distribute 100 copies in the Sacaton area. (Copy enclosed).

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"KEYLOR stated that if the DODSONS would not re-register, they would consider transferring someone from the other club in Stockton.

No action recommended.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.....UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco (100-28062 J)

DATE: ^{Feb} January 19, 1954

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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On December 28, 1954, the following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted]. This report, concerning IPP meetings on [redacted] is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Regular" meeting was held on [redacted]

[redacted] The attendance were all the regular members, dues were collected for [redacted] all members paying [redacted] was held [redacted] at the THOMPSON Ranch for L. THOMPSON all attending assessed \$1.00 to help on expense and buy present for LEO. All regular members attended and M & C. MURRAY and Mr. and Mrs. SCHLINGHEFDE from Modesto also VINCE CABRETE, his mother and daughter. It was a lovely party

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enjoyed by all. There is little activity in the club. Mostly discussions on the [redacted] case and some on the [redacted] case. Petitions are to be circulated Sun. [redacted] Epst. Church on the [redacted] case and some I.P.P. members may help. I don't know who. A letter was written by [redacted] [redacted] asking an interview a self addr. stamped envelope was sent but no response. [redacted] and [redacted] attended a meeting of N.A.A.C.P. on [redacted] The main issue was election of officers for the new year. Some I.P.P. members are scheduled to contact Local 6 concerning the [redacted] case in the early future. I.P.P. club feels that N.A.A.C.P. is very inactive on issues concerning Negro people. Next meeting Jan. 1st. 1954."

On [redacted] the writer was advised orally by [redacted] that [redacted] the IPP club at [redacted] Stockton, California are [redacted]

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 3/16/54
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer on 3/2/54 by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Stockton, California
March 2, 1954

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"Report on the Communist Party.

"On Sunday evening, February 28, 1954, WARD (CURLEY) and MAY MURRAY visited the Howard Thompsons at their ranch. The MURRAYs said they had available a nursery and greenhouse in Solida that the THOMPSONs could take over if they so desired. THOMPSONs stated they were buying a place south of Lathrop on Louise Ave. and would be unable to take over the other. Inquiry into the whereabouts of MARVIN MURRAY brought out that he had called the MURRAYs and had also written, saying that he would like to make up with them and return home. MAY told him he would have to write and sign a statement as to everything he had told the F.B.I. and then she would consider his return.

"During the conversation, FLORENCE DOWNEY was mentioned. MAY said FLORENCE had felt in the beginning that she could "ride the fence" in regards to the Party, and she told her she would have to drop it completely or go all the way.

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"LEILA NOLAND left Sunday noon, Feb. 28th to spend a few days in Berkeley. She went with GREG & MARY BERGMAN and is supposed to do some research for GREG that he did not want to be caught doing.

"HOWARD and ~~LEILA~~ MAE THOMPSON made a trip into town on Monday evening March 1st to see H. KEYLOR and pay their dues, but there was no one home at the KEYLORS.

"LEILA NOLAND is going to move to Wilseyville, just out of West Point, about the 1st of April.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised the writer on [redacted] that the Communist Party at Stockton, California will be reorganized in the near future inasmuch as LEILA NOLAND will move and that JACK and BETTY DODSON are not attending meetings at present. [redacted] further advised that MARVIN MURRAY is presently residing in San Jose, California.

It is recommended that [redacted]
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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 3/29/54. This report, dated 3/25/54, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Stockton, California
March 25, 1954

"Report on Communist Party

"On Tuesday evening, March 23, 1954, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson arrived at the Howard Keylor's just as Evangeline Keylor and Larry Kilmer were leaving to attend a meeting, presumed to be a Well's Case Committee meeting. Howard Keylor was staying at home baby sitting and after a short visit, a Communist Party meeting was held. The Thompsons paid dues for themselves and Leila Noland from January 1st through April. Inquiry was made by Howard Thompson as to their (Thompsons) status in the party after Leila Noland leaves to go to Wilseyville and the Dodsons not returning to this area, as well as Jack Gilbert not taking an active interest in the Party Movement. Howard Keylor stated he

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he had discussed this with the County Central Committee and that some one would come down, presumably from Sacramento, to contact Jack Jilbert and to make arrangements for the Thompsons to meet with another cell. Keylor said he was going to have to make a trip "South", but made no commitments as to time or place. Keylor mentioned that the other Club in this area is not very active and at the last County Central Committee meeting it was brought out that this area never had any money or accomplished anything of importance. He also stated the CIO Packing House Workers Union is taking over the re-organization of the old FTA and that they will undoubtedly centralize in Stockton.

"Howard Keylor gave Thompson a mimeographed brochure of a supplement to a Political Affairs article on "Guard Against Enemy Infiltration". This was written in December of 1952. He also gave them the pamphlet, "Organizing the Party for Victory over Reaction". They then purchased a copy of the New World Review and one of Masses and Mainstream, stating they were moving to their new home within a couple of weeks and as soon as a new mailing address was available, they would subscribe to the FW and Political Affairs.

"Howard Keylor inquired if the Thompsons knew anything about a Dorothy Kirchener, a woman about 35, blond, who came to Stockton about 3 months ago and has joined the NAACP, but whose stand on the Well's Case is contradictory, following the Party line at times and at other times when there are no leftists around, becoming a reactionary. They seem to feel she was "butterin up", as he put it, any known leftist to obtain information. He then inquired about a longshoreman named Verrigan, supposedly a Party member before his, Keylor's time. He then asked how they felt about Mary Christmas Easter who presently is Louis (Festis) Coleman's girl friend. Thompson stated that Mary Easter would not betray or trap Coleman in any way.

"The Thompsons left at about 10:15 PM.

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"Stockton, California
March 25, 1954

"Report on the Communist Party

"The Thompson reported to Leila Noland the information received at the meeting and then inquired as to her information on Dorothy Kirchener, about whom Leila has no knowledge. On Verrigan, she stated she had never known him to be a Party member during her time here, but had understood that he was a member at one time. She also stated that Mary East was OK, but Luther Easter had turned against the Party.

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SF 1604-S orally advised the writer on 4/2/54 that JACK JILBERT continues to be carried on the rolls of the Communist Party but has not as yet paid up his dues and does not regularly attend meetings. SF 1604 stated this is the reason that he will be visited by an official of the CP.

No action recommended.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-31335)

4/26/54

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

DAVID FORNPS,
SECURITY MATTER - C

On April 14, 1954 Mrs. FRANK DELONEY, landlady of the subject at 2620 Cherokee Lane, Stockton, California, advised that the subject was moving on April 15, 1954. She stated that she did not know the subject's new address and that he reluctantly gave her the address of 1216 Talbot, Berkeley, California, as the place he wanted his mail forwarded to. She stated that he had sold his truck on the previous day that he told her that someone would be by and pick up his things on April 15, 1954. She further advised that on April 12 or 13, 1954 the subject had received a special delivery letter that was sealed with scotch tape. She did not know where this letter was sent from. According to Mrs. DELONEY, the subject left his residence on foot on April 10, 1954 and returned on foot on April 12, 1954. She stated that on April 11, 1954 the subject was visited by two men driving a 1950 light-colored Studebaker. She did not observe the driver of this car. The other man is described as 20 to 30 years old, dark hair, rimmed glasses, and medium size. She advised that the subject was visited by HOWARD KEYLOR on April 12, 1954.

SF 1604-S has advised that HOWARD KEYLOR in the company of CARL RUDY LAMBERT attempted to visit this informant on April 11, 1954. (It is noted that the CP in San Joaquin County is being re-organized at the present time).

A surveillance was instituted on April 15, 1954 at the residence of the subject. The results of this surveillance are set forth in the memo of SA THOMAS FARROW, dated April 16, 1954.

Subsequent to this surveillance, the residence of the subject was searched by the writer with negative results. Mrs. DELONEY advised at this time on April 15, 1954 that the subject came out of his cabin while she was burning some trash in the incinerator and burned a box of papers. She stated that he remained at the incinerator until the entire contents of his box was burned. On April 15, 1954 SA JOSEPH SRIENL and Mrs. DELONEY observed the subject load his personal effects into an auto owned by GRACE GRIFFITHS, 1216 Talbot, Berkeley, California. Mrs. DELONEY noted that the subject did not at this time load his good pieces of luggage. She did not know how his luggage left the premises. On April 15, 1954 a search of the Railway Express Office for the subject's luggage was made with negative results.

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CC: 100-30619 (CP UNDERGROUND)
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SAC, San Francisco (100-28062 J)

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ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

COMINFIL, IOP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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On 4/22/54, the following written report, dated April 10, 1954, was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Independent Progressive
Party, Lathrop, California
April 10, 1954

"The Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County held its regular meeting at the ARTHUR WALTER home on East Lafayette Street in Stockton on Friday, April 9, 1954, at 8:40 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

DAVE FORRES;
EVANGELINE KEYLOR;
LARA WALTER;
LARRY KILMER;
LEO KONOPKO;
LEILA NOLAND;
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"EVANGELINE KEYLOR reported that there is still activity as far as the WELL's Case is concerned and that the committee is still very busy.

"LEO KONOPKO brought up the question as to what part the WELL's Case will play in the approaching campaign and what stand will be taken by the INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

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100-27595 (State Committee to Save the Life of WELLS)

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[redacted] advised the writer on [redacted] that the subject contacted her on [redacted] at which time he was [redacted] [redacted] Berkeley, California.

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In view of the above, it is felt that this subject might be transferring from the open CP into the CP underground. Continued contact will be maintained with [redacted] in an effort to ascertain the subject's current and future activities.

It is noted that subject has been [redacted] [redacted] of the IPP at Stockton. In this regard, it is perfectly proper for [redacted]

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Recommendation: It is recommended that this case be reassigned and that consideration be given to originating a confidential source which would have access to the personal effects of the subject with a particular view toward obtaining any new identification (i.e. Social Security card, drivers license, etc) that the subject may have in his possession. Also consideration should be given to having [redacted]

[redacted] subject [redacted] It is felt that the above setup circumstances indicate that the subject is possibly going into the CP underground and that coverage should be given him on a day-to-day basis such as good neighborhood contacts, etc.

SAC, San Francisco (100-21286)

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ROBERT F. SAYATE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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On 4/22/54, the following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-C. This report, dated April 13, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
April 13, 1954

"On Sunday, April 11, 1954, when HOWARD and LOUISE MAE THOMPSON returned to their ranch from Ukiah, they were notified by LETA NOLAND that HOWARD KEYLOR and RUDY LAURENT had visited her looking for the THOMPSON's in order to discuss a change in the status of the THOMPSON's in the COMMUNIST PARTY membership meetings, realizing that the moving of LETA NOLAND to Wilseyville and the movement of the THOMPSONs to Louise Ave. would completely demobilize the Cell. It was agreed by HOWARD KEYLOR and LETA NOLAND that a meeting would be held at the THOMPSON's Louise Ave. home on the night of April 11th.

"LETA NOLAND received 6 copies of the Draft Program of the COMMUNIST PARTY, titled "THE AMERICAN WAY TO JOBS, PEACE AND DEMOCRACY". She gave one copy to THOMPSONs to be studied for discussion at the next COMMUNIST PARTY meeting."

(signed) [redacted]

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CC: 100-28125 [redacted]

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ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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On 4/22/54, the following written report, dated April 14, 1954, was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop, California
April 14, 1954

2" At approximately 10:00 AM on April 14, 1954, HOWARD KEYLOR visited the THOMPSON ranch on Louisa Ave. and stated he would be unable to attend a meeting that night as EVANGELINE had to go to a WELLS Committee meeting and he, HOWARD had to stay home to take care of the baby. HOWARD KEYLOR asked if THOMPSON had read the Draft Program of the COMMUNIST PARTY. THOMPSON said that he and his wife had read and discussed a large portion of the pamphlet and he felt that in theory it was basically correct, but he could not see how, from a practical standpoint, certain phases of it could be carried out. KEYLOR stated that this point had been brought up by members of the Party and that there was a micrographed copy of sections of a letter sent covering the many criticisms coming in from leading Comrades. He left one copy with THOMPSON and requested that it be studied and discussed at the next meeting.

"THOMPSON asked if he and LULU MAE THOMPSON were to be transferred to another cell, whereupon HOWARD KEYLOR replied that in a discussion with RUDY LAMBERT, it was

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recommended that the THOMPSONs hold meetings with LEILA NOLAND, at least one or two more times, as the Party leaders felt that someone would be transferred into the THOMPSON's Cell.

"On the question of the status of JACK JILBERT, LAMBERT had suggested that he be allowed to remain a member without active participation in Party activities.

"HOWARD KEYLON stated that he would be attached to the Communist Party Cell with the THOMPSON's and LEILA NOLAND for an indefinite period. They then agreed on a meeting to be held at the THOMPSON's on April 15, 1954."

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SAC, San Francisco (100-21286)

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ROBERT F. SAWYER, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report, dated April 17, 1954, was furnished to the writer on 4/22/54, by CP 1604-C. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop, California
April 17, 1954

"On the evening of April 15, 1954, the following persons met at the home of HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON for the purpose of holding a Communist Party meeting.

HOWARD KEYLOR;
LEILA NOLAND;
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"The meeting consisted of the reading and discussion of part of the mimeographed letter which covered the criticisms of leading Comrades on the Draft program of the Communist Party. The discussion centered around the fight against MC CARTHYISM with the point being brought out that we must work through other organizations and work with any organization that is trying to carry out any of the many phases of the Communist Party program.

"Due to the late start of the meeting the discussion on the letter was not completed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held Thursday, April 22 at the THOMPSON home.

"HOWARD KEYLOR stated that he had in his possession 150 copies of "The American Way" which he was going to mail out to persons on his mailing list. HOWARD THOMPSON stated that they had a mailing list, but it consisted mainly of rabbit growers and breeders.

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"The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 PM."

(signed) [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

TO: SAC, (100-21286)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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Date: May 13, 1954

The following written report, dated April 25, 1954 was furnished to the writer on April 28, 1954 by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop, California
April 25, 1954

"After the IFP meeting, held at the home of LURA WALTER on April 23, 1954, while the refreshments were being prepared, HOWARD THOMPSON and HOWARD KEYLOR retired to a hallway off the kitchen and THOMPSON informed KEYLOR that LELIA NOLAND brought the BERGMANS down and had tried to bring them into the meeting, stating that LELIA had announced that she had two new recruits. THOMPSON then stated that he did not hold any meeting for that reason. KEYLOR said that was the correct thing to do, because no ex-Party member is to be allowed to rejoin the Party without being cleared by the State Committee, as this type of maneuver has been used in the past by the FBI to gain information through the use of an ex-Party member who has changed his views or has been intimidated by the FBI to the extent of becoming an informer. THOMPSON stated he felt that LELIA NOLAND could not be condemned because of her action for her intentions were good, but she just did not understand the vital importance of Party security."

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100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)

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"KEYLOR then stated this was identical to the statement made by RUDY LAMBERT and that LAMBERT also stated that LEILA could not be trusted with vital Party information.

"Agreement was made at this time that KEYLOR would visit the THOMPSON'S the following week and a date for a later meeting would be set.

No action recommended.



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, (100-28952 J)

Date: May 13, 1954

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on April 28, 1954. This report dated April 25, 1954 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Independent Progressive Party
Lathrop, California
April 25, 1954

"The Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County held its regular meeting at the home of ARTHUR and LURA WALTER on Friday evening, April 3, 1954. Those attending the meeting were:

ARTHUR and LURA WALTER
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
LARRY KILMER
HOWARD KEYLOR

"LURA WALTER was asked to preside, since she informed the group that Chairman DAVE FORBES had moved to Berkeley with the hope that he had a new job there. HOWARD KEYLOR said that he thought DAVE would be working for the Union.

"HOWARD KEYLOR stated during the meeting that GRAVES, who is running for Governor, is coming out with a definite stand for FEPC and that LARRY WEAVER, candidate for Sheriff, had said that he would not protect strike breakers."

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cc: 100-32136
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"After discussion of the last NAACP meeting and a short report of activity of the WELL'S Committee, LEO KONOPEK was elected Chairman, if he well accept and the meeting was adjourned.



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DAVE FORBES Address:
1216 Talbot
Berkeley"

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, (100-21286)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

Date: May 13, 1954

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report dated April 24, 1954, was furnished to the writer on April 28, 1954 by SF 1604-S. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop, California
April 24, 1954

"On Thursday, April 22, 1954 at about 11:00 AM, HOWARD KEYLOR visited the HOWARD THOMPSON ranch on Louise Ave. to inform them he would be unable to attend the Communist Party meeting that evening. He was told that LEILA NOLAND had written that she would be unable to come down. It was decided to set a date for another meeting at a later time.

"At 8:00 PM that evening, LEILA NOLAND and GREG and MARY BERGMAN arrived at the THOMPSON'S. Upon entering the house, LEILA NOLAND announced that she was ready for the meeting because she had two recruits. Whereupon, HOWARD THOMPSON informed her there would be no meeting because the THOMPSON'S had informed KEYLOR that LEILA would not be down. There was no discussion of any Party politics or procedures and they all left early and no tentative date was set for another meeting."

No action recommended.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on May 8, 1954. This report, dated May 6, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop California
May 6, 1954"

"On Wednesday morning, May 5, 1954 at about 10:00 o'clock Howard Keylor arrived at the Thompson ranch and asked if he could borrow their copy of the discussion of proposed changes in the Draft Program of the Communist Party. He stated that he was on his way to Tracy to visit with Jack Jilber and he wanted the discussion so he and Jack could read it over together.

"He said he would stop by Thompson's on his way home and they could hold a meeting, but he failed to return.

"Since the Thompson's had gotten 46 copies of "The American Way" prepared for mailing, Keylor said he would take them and put them in the mail."

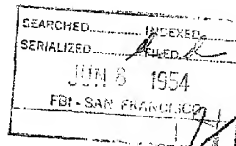
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No action recommended.

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6/7/54

SA ROBERT T. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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SF 1604-S furnished the following information to the writer orally on 6/7/54: HOWARD KEYLOR advised SF 1604-S that they are to attend a regional meeting of the Communist Party to be held at an unknown place on 6/17/54. SF 1604-S is to pick up HOWARD KEYLOR at KEYLOR's residence at 2544 N. Lucerne, Stockton, California at 4:00 pm on 6/17/54. KEYLOR will have an UNman with him at this time who is to go with them to the meeting. They are to proceed to Sacramento to the residence of another UNman where they will get the instructions as to where the meeting will be held. SF 1604-S asked if the place in Sacto where they are to receive their instructions is PAT VERZALS and HOWARD KEYLOR said, no, it is a new guy's place.

According to SF 1604-S, a representative from each CP cell in this area will be in attendance at this meeting. SF 1604-S will be driving a 1947 tan 4dr Plymouth sedan with Calif. Lic. # 439394.

SF 1604-S further advised that he will be the local delegate to the regional IPP meeting to be held in San Francisco on 6/13/54.

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)
100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO COUNTY)
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)
100-29062 J (IPP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

6/8/54

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on May 8, 1954. This report, dated May 1, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Lathrop, California
May 1, 1954"

"On Thursday evening at about 8:45 PM, Howard Keylor arrived at the Howard Thompson home for the purpose of holding a Communist Party meeting. This was on April 29, 1954.

"He brought with him about 52 copies of the booklet, "The American Way", and a mailing list to be used in distribution of them. This mailing list consisted mainly of Union Officials in the area and was presumed to have been made up from a Union Directory. The Thompsons promised him they would prepare the booklets for mailing and provide the necessary postage.

"Howard Keylor then brought up the subject of Leila Moland and her actions of week before in bringing the Bergmans down for a Communist Party meeting without any previous notice. He stated that this was against all Party rules and that any one who had previously been a member and wished to join again would have to be approved by the State Committee. He said Leila apparently had no realization of Party security and that Rudy Lambert had said the same thing after their recent visit with her. Lambert had suggested that in the future Leila be held in an unattached basis and that she was

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not to be trusted with any vital Party information.

"Keylor also said that he had asked Lambert about John (Jack) Rodin and his status in the Party. Lambert told him that Rodin had been a Party member in San Francisco and had been expelled from the Party in 1936 for molesting the six year old daughter of one of the leaders. He had been ordered to leave the state to avoid criminal proceedings and he did leave for awhile. When he returned to San Francisco, he was again told to leave and he came to Stockton.

"Keylor asked the Thompsons if they were acquainted with a woman in Modesto by the name of Grob , because Larry Kilmer recently received a letter from her and she had pretended to know him very well and had urged him to visit with her. He had no recollection of her and thought it might be a trap.

"/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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No action recommended.

SAC (100-26388)

July 16, 1954

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by
SF 1604-S on 7/8/54. This report, dated 7/1/54, is set out verbatim and the
original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Stockton, California
July 1, 1954"

"Report on the Stanislaus County Communist Party"

"On the evening of June 28, 1954, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
visited the Murrays and after a few minutes left with May to look at her
sister's house. During this period of time May stated that the Party was
progressing very well on the People's World drive and would have 50% by
July 1st. She also stated that Marvin was a mental case and had threatened
to kill her and she said they believed the FBI was using Marvin's woman and
other prostitutes to obtain information from the Party members."

"Thompson asked about the Communist Party meeting that was to
have been held in Sacramento on June 17th and was told that this meeting
would be held in San Francisco on July 11, persons to meet at the Labor
School. This may be to pass on the location of the meeting place or the meeting
may be held there."

No action recommended as appropriate agents have already been
advised and coverage has been arranged for meeting of July 11, 1954.

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cc: 100-21206 (CP San Joaquin County)
100-17989 (CP Sacramento County)
100-23334 [REDACTED]
100-32046 [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
97-27 (PW)
61-390 (California Labor School)
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SAC, (100-11889), San Francisco

July 29, 1954

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT 13
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The following policy procedures re CP readmissions and transfers were discussed by OLETA O'CONNOR YATES and CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP District 13 officials, at a meeting of the Northern Calif. outlying valley counties held on 7/11/54 at the Calif. Labor School in SF, Calif. This material which was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 7/20/54 is set out verbatim as follows and the original will be maintained in [redacted] b7D

"POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON APPLICATIONS FOR READMISSION

"1. A uniform policy and practice on all applications or requests for readmission must be followed by all counties in the state.

"2. The following method is to be used:

- a) Every person requesting re-admission must make out a written statement, answering questions set down in the mimeographed form entitled "Application for Readmission."

This must be written by the person seeking re-admission, not merely taken down orally by an interviewer.

- b) Persons seeking re-admission must be sponsored by two members in good standing, as is the case with recruits.

At least one of the sponsors must make a written statement setting forth his knowledge of the applicant, and specifically answering the questions contained in the mimeographed form entitled "Statement of Sponsor on Applicant for Readmission."

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cc: 100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)
100-25687 (SECURITY MEASURES)
[redacted] (SECURITY INFORMANT
100- (LOS ANGELES) (Info) RM
100- (Phoenix) (Info) RM
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- "c) All applications for re-admission must be cleared thru the County Review Commissions; in the case of small counties which do not have a county review body, they must be cleared by the leading political body in the area.

"The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, should arrange for a full verification of the applicant.

"The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, should check with the State Review Commission before any final action is taken.

- "d) Only after final action is taken according to the above procedure shall a person be attached to a club or otherwise connected with the Party.

- "e) If the applicant for re-admission is rejected, the reasons for such rejection should be stated to him clearly and plainly, so that no uncertainty shall remain. The County Review Commission, or the political body handling the application, shall determine who is to be responsible for this task.

"3. There are to be no deviations from this policy, and no exceptions made.

"June, 1954

POLICY ON TRANSFERS

"The following policy must govern all transfers from now on:

"1. Any person desiring transfer must get the approval of his branch and section organizer. The latter will be held politically responsible for recommending the transfer. (Higher bodies, state or national, have the right and responsibility to hold up and turn back any transfers not satisfactorily meeting requirements or on which there is disagreement as to desirability of transfer.) The S.O. shall write out a statement for transfer, which shall include:

- "a) Reason for transfer (health, job, family, etc.)

- "b) Brief political characterization (describing person as "good" or limiting description to "loyal" is inadequate.) Any disciplinary actions previously taken should be noted; where indicated, a more detailed account shall be given of such action. No one about whom there are any doubts as to integrity or sincerity shall be transferred.

"2. Statement of transfer shall include person's name and new address, and a code name or word whereby the one who visits transferred person in new city is identified. Person being transferred shall be told by section of this code name or word. This means of identification is to protect person being transferred since he has no other way of knowing if one visiting him is an authentic representative of organization. If new or permanent address is not known before leaving old city, person being transferred should give place of employment and/or name of friend or relative in whose care he may be reached, and this person should be alerted for visit in new city.

"3. Unstable elements who tend to shift from place to place shall not be transferred. This is not to be construed as covering unemployed members who are seeking jobs. However, in this contingency, prior discussion should be held and final transfer held up pending knowledge that person is permanently settled.

"4. Persons moving to another state to remain only a short period and then return to home shall not be transferred. If they are in a position to be active in the new city, they should be advised to become active in some field of mass work.

"5. No organization shall accept a member whose transfer has not come through. This must be adhered to even if reason for delay or failure of transfer to arrive is not the fault of member. It is not enough for person in new city to vouch for person on basis of past knowledge about newcomer.

"6. The person being transferred will be visited by a representative of the local organization in the new city in which he will live. This representative will identify himself by the code name or word. The purpose of this visit is not to inform the person being transferred as to where and when his new branch will meet. Rather, this preliminary visit is for the purpose of establishing contact and making it possible for this representative to get a much better picture of who transferee is.

"This representative shall report back to branch and upon the branch's approval, transferee will be invited to the next branch meeting. If the new branch has any serious doubts, it can refuse to accept the transferee, whereupon the matter is turned over to the section. The section is the final judge in the matter, either rejecting or sustaining the action of the branch, or sending its own representative to see the transferee with a view to further consideration of the matter.

"7. It will be noted that the procedures recommended do away with the old concept that any member who moved automatically was considered transferrable. The standards set regarding transfers must be far stricter and more rigidly adhered to than was previously the case, keeping in mind the present period."

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 8/5/54

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT 13
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 7/28/54. This report, dated July 19, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Regional Meeting of the
: Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"July 19, 1954

"The meeting was held in the Labor School, San Francisco, located on Divisadero St., on July 11, 1954 with the following persons present:

Oleta O'Connor Yates
Rudy Lambert
Howard Keylor
Pat Verbal
Delmar Berg

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100-21287 (CP BUTTE COUNTY)
100-36365 (CP CALAVERAS COUNTY)
100-36092 (CP EL DORADO COUNTY)
100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO COUNTY)
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)
100-36363 (CP SUTTER COUNTY)
100-31411 (CP TUOLUMNE COUNTY)
100-31410 (CP YOLO COUNTY)
100-31414 (CP YUBA COUNTY)
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)
100-30619 (CP UNDERGROUND)
100-34497 (INTERVIEWS UNDER SI PROGRAM)
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Howard Thompson
Adrian and Bernice Wood
Virgil and Mrs. Cole
Phil Davis
Margie Miller
A red head from Sacramento, approximately 55 yrs. old.

"Yates called the meeting to order saying that the meeting was held to determine the amount of contact between Party members and State headquarters. Acknowledging that the Party had been wrong in the past on certain decisions that were made at the State and National level and that we were to reevaluate our political usefulness and establish certain procedures in the Party operation. The Party now realizes that the United States has not yet become a Fascist State and the elections proved, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the people are against McCarthyism and other types of illegal pressure on minority groups.

"She then asked that a representative from each County make statements as to the condition of their Clubs and the difficulties during the period of time the leadership was underground.

"Howard Keylor reported for San Joaquin County, stating that there were eight members and that the Clubs had experienced quite a bit of difficulty in receiving information from higher levels and that the Clubs had done nothing constructive, except in the Wells case and that he felt a great part of the fault lay with him and Club's representative (Leila Noland). Howard Thompson, who was also from San Joaquin County, stated that he felt that he was partially at fault because, even though he had protested these procedures, he had done nothing about it. Rudy Lambert congratulated San Joaquin County on the way the Well's case was handled.

"Margie Miller reported on Sacramento County, stating they had four Clubs and they had quite a little disagreement between the Clubs but had been able to do quite a little political work in the Democratic Party. Whereupon Yates again brought out that the Communist Party members must work within a mass political organization, even though it is only mildly socialistic and it is not necessary for those persons working within the organization to reveal their Communist Party membership.

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SF 100-11889

"Delmar Berg then reported on activities in Stanislaus County, saying that they had not accomplished a great deal politically because of undue pressure brought on by the FBI, but they had been able to gather over 50% of the People's World pledges.

"The round table discussion then settled on the actions, or reactions of Party members when approached by the FBI, Berg stating that a member of a Modesto Club stated that, when questioned by the FBI, he gave them the names of known Party members. When the others were asked what they had done, most all stated that they had not made any statements to the FBI. Thompson stated the FBI man had cased his place a week before coming out and that he had told them to leave and told Leila Noland that she didn't have to talk to them.

"There was then a long discussion on the report made by Marvin Murray to the FBI in which he supposedly placed the finger of guilt on all of the members around Modesto. Rudy stated that at no time and for no reason whatsoever should any member of the Party answer any questions of the FBI that would ever tend to incriminate any other member.

"At this time coffee was served and during this period, Rudy Lambert was approached by Howard Thompson of Stockton with the request that the matter of white chauvinism be brought up, to which Rudy agreed. So after the coffee period, Yates again brought out the need for solidarity within the Party and the need for a program and procedures which would keep the Party in operation even though the leaders were in jail and she stated that no doubt she and Rudy would be jailed again, and to facilitate the Clubs operation, certain policies had been established on a Nationwide Level.

"1. Policy on Transfers, which is to prevent the indiscriminate transferring of persons from one branch to another, without a complete check on the loyalty and dependability of this person. (Copy of procedure mailed previously)

"2. Policy and Procedure on the Application for Readmission, During the last few years there has been great efforts on the part of the FBI to influence ex-Party members either by bribery or intimidation to return into Party membership and to become informers for the FBI. In order to combat this, the person requesting readmission must make out written statements answering questions set forth in a mimeographed "Application for Readmission". The applicant is required to have two sponsors, one of which must go into great detail as to the actions, responsibilities and loyalty of said applicant. (Copy mailed in previously)

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"New applications will be handled in practically the same method as before.

"Rudy Lambert brought up the matter of white chauvinism and asked if any members had anything to say on this matter, whereupon Thompson stated that he had recommended two persons for membership, one being a Negro lady and the other a Caucasian. The Stockton Club of which he is a member, accepted, without any question, the Caucasian but rejected the Negro lady. Howard Keylor stated that he, as representative, had never received any information to this effect. Whereupon, Thompson said that he had talked to Keylor about it, but had received no satisfaction and, furthermore, that he felt that the Party as a whole was Chauvinistic for not having a representative of the Negro race at the Regional meeting. At the present time he and the Caucasian woman, whom he revealed as his wife, were the only members of their Club. Whereupon Yates stated that no Club, except in very rare cases, should have less than five members. Howard Keylor then agreed that he would call together the members of the Club and request a vote on the two decisions.

"Adrain Wood (Sacramento) complained of the attitude of the leadership in Sacramento County and accused Margie Miller and Pat Verbal of lying about the loyalty of certain persons and of the dictatorial attitude of the leadership in not allowing bona fide Club representatives to attend County Regional Meetings. Verbal and Miller denied this, stating that the person named slept through the meetings.

"Yates then announced that Virgil Cole of Chico would be coordinator for the Northern part of the State, he being the contact between the State office and the County Clubs, and he would try to meet with each one of the Clubs on a monthly basis.

"It was then decided that each County would be represented in State meetings by a person duly elected by the Club and each Club shall have an alternate who will not be allowed to attend the Regional meeting except when the delegate is sick or when that County's period has arrived and two representatives can be sent (in other words, only one County at a meeting can have two representatives.).

"The next meeting is to be held in Sacramento. The old procedure of all persons meeting in a place other than the designated spot at which the meeting is to be held and then riding to the correct meeting place in one or two cars will be practiced.

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SAC, SF FROM ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SF 100-11889

The following information was furnished orally to the writer by SF 1604-S on 8/2/54. This information concerns matters discussed at the Communist Party Northern California Valley outlying counties meeting held at the California Labor School on 7/11/54 and is set out as follows:

"OLETA YATES stated that the reason that the Communist Party went underground is that it was believed that Fascism in the U.S. was at hand. She stated that the reason that the Underground failed was poor contacts between the Underground and the operating Party. She said that there was no way to establish quick contact between the leadership and the party itself. She further advised that the only place where the contact is good is in Chico, California. YATES indicated, that for security reasons, a small group of Comrades will remain in an Underground status. According to her, the elections have shown that there is no need for great worry regarding Fascism and that the people are united against McCARTHY.

"YATES stated that the clubs in the future are to be made up of not less than five people, whereas in the past they have been from three to five people. The Northern Regional Committee will meet at regular periods, probably monthly.

"In a discussion by those present, it was concluded that the Communist Party had worked so closely with the IPP and that the IPP had adhered so closely to the CP line that the IPP had become isolated from the American people. It was decided that the nearest thing to a people's party is the Democratic Party and that members of the CP should work with them on any issue that coincides with a CP objective."

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Appropriate investigation should be conducted to determine whether or not [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SF 1604-S describes the UNsub as slender, 5'4", 125 lbs., dark rimmed glasses and red hair (possibly dyed).

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 8/11/54

FROM : SA PAUL C. FULLER

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
13th District
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

During the week of July 4, 1954, SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT SAVAGE that the Party leaders in the outlying counties would hold a meeting in the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco on July 11, 1954.

On July 11, 1954, a physical surveillance of 321 Divisadero Street was conducted by SA SAVAGE from 11:00 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. and by SA PETER T. SEXTON and the writer from 12:15 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.

At 1:57 P.M. an unknown man parked an automobile near the entrance to the CLS, spoke to RUDY LAMBERT at the entrance to the CLS for approximately three minutes and departed. Unknown man's automobile has California license 7B66802. The files of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, reflect that this automobile is a 1949 Austin 2 door sedan, engine number 19364871, 1954 tab 1566784 and is owned by EMANUEL BROOKMAN, 2233 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco. This automobile was purchased from the Paramount Motor Company, 1701 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco on May 7/1954.

At 5:25 P.M. four men departed from the CLS and walked east on Divisadero Street. SA SAVAGE identified two of the men as HOWARD THOMPSON and HOWARD KEYLOR of Stockton. SF 1604-S later identified the other two as PHIL DAVIS and DELMAR BERG of Modesto.

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cc: 100-17989(CP, SACRAMENTO COUNTY) 100-31391
100-31414(CP, YUBA COUNTY) 100-21893
100-26388(CP, STAMISLAUS COUNTY) [redacted]
100-21286(CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY) 61-409
100-17296 [redacted] 61-414
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At 5:30 P.M. two unknown women and an unknown man left the CLS and walked east on Divisadero. SF 1604-S has identified two of the individuals as Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL COLE of Chico. The third individual has been identified tentatively as LILLIAN RANSOME of Wheatland, California.

At 5:32 P.M. three individuals identified by SA SEXTON and the writer as MARJORIE MILLER, ADRIAN WOOD and BERNICE WOOD of Sacramento departed from the CLS and walked west on Divisadero.

At 5:35 P.M. an individual identified by the writer and SA SEXTON as PAT VERBLE of Sacramento departed from the CLS and entered her automobile which was parked near the intersection of Page and Divisadero.

At 5:39 P.M. two individuals identified by SAs SAVAGE, SEXTON and the writer as RUDY LAMBERT and OLETA YATES departed from the CLS and entered an automobile parked nearby with California license 2B95108. This automobile, according to the DMV records, is owned by the Pacific Publishing Foundation, 590 Folsom Street, San Francisco. It is a 1940 Ford Coupe, motor number 185885810, 1954 tab 1335302.

Photographs of all individuals observed leaving the CLS between 11:00 A.M. and 6:15 P.M. were taken and have been routed to the appropriate case files.

The negatives are filed in 100-11889.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

8/19/54

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 8/3/54. This report, dated July 29, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
July 29, 1954

"The Communist Party Stockton held a meeting at 2034 Scribner St. on Thursday evening, July 22, 1954 to raise funds for the People's World. JOSEPH STAROBIN, foreign correspondent for the People's World, was the speaker.

"Attending the meeting were:

JACK JILBERT (Tracy)
ARCHIE MANLEY (Tracy)
DELMAR BERG (Empire)
PHIL DAVIS and son (Empire)
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
LURA WALTER
HOWARD KEYLOR
LARRY KILMER

"STAROBIN has recently returned from Vietnam and his experiences in that area were used as the main part of his speech. He spent a great deal of time with the People's Army and he told how the Army was supplied by the people working in the background and how they were making use of

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material they had captured from the other side. He stated that the recent succesful negotiations for a cease fire in Indo-China had been an overwhelming victory for the forces of peace in the world. It was his opinion that Capitalism and Socialism could both survive and work together in a peaceful world.

"LARRY KILMER brought his tape recorder and made a recording to be used later for those unable to attend the lecture.

"A collection was taken up and turned over to STAROBIN to be forwarded to the People's World.

"The THOMPSONS put STAROBIN up overnight and he spent Friday morning answering some of his correspondences. He left at about 2:00 PM, stating that he was going to contact some members of the ILWU in Stockton before he went on to Sacramento where he was to speak that evening.

"STAROBIN was driving a gray Plymouth coupe, New York license place number 3Z67 55."

"/s

[Redacted Signature]

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No action recommended.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

8/19/54

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 8/9/54. This report, dated August 6, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 6, 1954

On Wednesday evening, August 4, 1954, at about 9:15 PM HOWARD KEYLOR called at the home of HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON. He stated that the other club had held their meeting and had rejected any suggestion of the two clubs becoming banded together and that he, HOWARD KEYLOR, had been elected as a delegate from his (the other) club and that one of the two THOMPSON'S could be chosen as a delegate from their club, leaving the decision of which of the two would be delegate and which would be alternate from San Joaquin County, to the District Committee.

"There was rather a strong protest against this and against the non-combining of the clubs by THOMPSON. He stated he was sick and tired of being dictated to by HOWARD KEYLOR, and that during the period of the leadership being underground he felt that KEYLOR had brought to the club of which THOMPSON is a member, only those things which KEYLOR wanted to bring back and that after he, KEYLOR, had discussed them with LEILA NOLAN she would then discuss all of the matter with the BERGMAN'S who are ex-Party members and not with those persons connected with her cell. KEYLOR stated that the club should have elected another chairman

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whereupon both HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that LEILA had said she was appointed by the Regional Committee.

"KEYLOR said that he would take THOMPSON up to the Regional meeting which he expected would be held in Marysville, at which time he felt the matter could be discussed more fully and a decision made by the District Committee, which is yet to be appointed.

"THOMPSON then complained on the attitude of STAROBIN, in that he (STAROBIN) wanted the THOMPSON'S to wait on him as though he were a mental genius. THOMPSON said he took a "dim view" of these self-made intellectuals, which he felt included HOWARD KEYLOR and that the workers of the Party were more than welcome at his home.

"As an alternative to THOMPSON attending the Regional Conference, KEYLOR said he would request VIRGIL COLE to make a special trip to Stockton before the next Regional Meeting (which he would also request be held in Stockton) to talk to the membership of both clubs and try to come to some understanding on a merger.

"KEYLOR also stated that he had requested his Club to elect someone else to serve in his position, but they had refused to honor his request."

"/s/

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No action recommended.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 9/1/54. This report, dated August 27, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 27, 1954

"On Sunday, August 22, 1954 at about 4:30 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived in his car at the home of the HOWARD THOMPSON's followed by VIRGIL COLE and LEE (a woman about 5'5", around 35 years of age, dark complexion, thin featured, brown eyes, brown hair, short and almost straight, apparently Jewish) and JOHN (about 5'9", heavy set, blue gray eyes, ruddy complexion, hook nose, wavy gray hair, apparently Jewish also).

"LEE stated the reason they were here was to reorganize the Stockton Clubs and to find the core of the trouble which is now keeping the two Clubs apart. She questioned the THOMPSONS at great length as to their relationship with LELLA NOLAND, keeping up this harassment until LULU MAE THOMPSON told LEE that they, the THOMPSONS, had taken LELLA into partnership and they felt responsible for her welfare, and that she, LULU MAE, could not see where it was any of LEE's business and she felt the Party would be better off if the officials tended to Party business and not to people's personal business.

"THOMPSON stated that he had nothing personal against HOWARD KEYLOR or any of the others from that Club but he felt that HOWARD KEYLOR needed to grow up and become more dependable.

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and that some of the others were undependable because of drunkenness. He said, furthermore, he felt there was no great difference of opinions as far as anyone's outlook toward the Party was concerned, but that the charges and counter-charges were a result of difference in personalities and could be straightened out by holding an open meeting, bringing everything up for discussion. Whereupon LEE stated that there would be an open meeting held at a later date and they (Leadership of the Communist Party) wanted LELLA NOLAND present. The THOMPSONS agreed that whenever they were so notified by HOWARD KEYLOR or any other Party member, they would try to arrange to have LELLA NOLAND present. THOMPSON then asked LEE as to what the charges were against him and LULU MAE. LEE finally said it was Chauvinism and the fact that he was accused of calling someone names when he was angry. LEE also asked LULU MAE what was wrong between her and EVANGELINE KEYLOR. LULU MAE stated, that to her knowledge, there was nothing wrong.

"During the discussion on LELLA NOLAND, THOMPSON brought out that LELLA had received the deed to her mountain property which carried a restrictive covenant, namely the place could be deeded to white Americans only. Whereupon LEE stated that in her section (the Bay area) they were expelling persons from the Party who purchased or handled any restrictive properties. Whereupon THOMPSON said that they had better expel him because the only way that he knew to get rid of a restrictive covenant was to break it and that as long as the covenant was recognized as such and the Party members did not buy or sell the property the covenant would remain in force. But if he or any other real estate salesman or broker handling that type of property was to sell the property to a Negro, Filipino, etc, the covenant within the immediate area would be broken. Whereupon, LULU MAE said that if they were to expel THOMPSON they had better expel all other real estate men in the Party. LEE then said that there was no intention of trying to expell anyone and that she felt that the procedure which THOMPSON would be able to carry out was very effective, but at the Party level they had to prevent persons from buying restricted property, because of their inability to resell their property to Negroes, etc.

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"VIRGIL COLE asked the THOMPSONS to get some copies of Public Affairs and study them and to concentrate on articles on Chauvinism."

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Open and assign Unsub JOHN _____ case for identification.

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by
SF 1604-S on 9/3/54. This report, dated 8/30/54, is set out verbatim
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 30, 1954

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"On Sunday afternoon, August 29, 1954, HOWARD and
LULU MAE THOMPSON called on HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR,
arriving at about 3:30 PM. During the course of conversation
HOWARD KEYLOR stated the next Regional Meeting, which was to have
been held in Stockton, will be held north of Sacramento on the
6th of September. He also spoke of an ex-Party member by the
name of SIDNEY SCHURR, understood to be of 2034 W. Willow St..
SCHURR is not trusted by the present Party leadership, KEYLOR
stating that SCHURR was over-militant and warned THOMPSON to
be careful when trying to list SCHURR's place for sale."

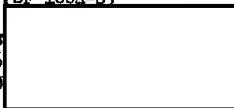
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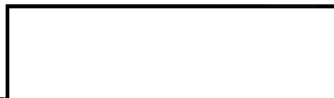
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604 on 10/4/54. This report, dated October 4, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
October 4, 1954"

"On Saturday evening, October 2, 1954, the Murrays visited the Thompsons at about 9:30 PM, there being May and Curly Murry, Darwin Murray and Julian and Beatrice Sanchez.

"May stated she had been up to Howard Keylor's trying to obtain a form (Application for Readmission) for some one of her friends, but Howard Keylor had not received any and he had said that Thompson had them. Thompson stated that he had not received any but that Virgil Cole had all of that form.

"May and Thompson went into a discussion of the last visit of Virgil Cole and Lee of Security Commission and May stated that Thompson was correct in his handling of property with a restricted covenant.

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No action recommended. SF 1604-S advised the writer orally on 10/4/54 the DARWIN, JULIAN and BEATRICE, whose names are mentioned in the above report, are relatives of the MURRYS and are not affiliated with the Communist Party.

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SF-1604-S on 10/14/54 orally advised the writer that SYBIL STIGANT had reported to the CP at Stockton, Calif., that she had been interviewed by the FBI. SF-1604-S was unable to furnish the exact date that this transpired; however, it was the opinion of this informant that she had reported this sometime during the spring or summer of 1954.

SF-1604-S advised on 10/14/54 that MAE YOUNGQUIST is well-regarded by the CP in Stockton, Calif., and that she would be accepted into the CP membership were it not for the radical tendencies of her husband.

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RALPH FORBES

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rememo SA HAROLD W. LEGGETT, SF, 7/27/54.

SF 1604-S advised the writer on 10/20/54 that the RALPH FORBES described in referenced memo is without question DAVE FORBES who formerly resided in Modesto and Stockton, Calif. SF 1604-S stated that DAVE FORBES is presently residing in Berkely, California. According to SF 1604-S, word had been received by the Stockton Communist Party from the State CP that DAVE FORBES was suspected of being an informer. This informant stated that DAVE FOREES has gold teeth in front and had been a PTA organizer in Modesto, Calif.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this case be closed and information contained in this file be transferred to file on DAVE FORBES.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 10/14/54. This report, dated October 12, 1954, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Report on the Independent Progressive Party
Stockton, California
October 12, 1954"

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"On Friday evening, October 8, 1954, the Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County held its regular meeting at the home of Lura and Arthur Walter at 1145 E. Lafayette Street, Stockton.

Those present were:

Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Leo Konopko
Vince Cabbabe
Lura Walter

The main discussion for the evening centered around the visit of Horace Alexander to this area on Monday, October 11, 1954 in his campaign for Secretary of State. Plans were made for him to visit the Carpenters and Hod Carriers Unions at the Union Hall at Market and Hunter Streets, plant gates at Fibreboard and Flotil Cannery when the shifts are changing and Howard Keylor said he would try to make appointments for Alexander to be interviewed by the political

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editors of the Stockton Record and the Labor Journal. Vince Cabeebe offered the use of his car for the public address system and Howard Thompson said he would be responsible for holding a parking place on the West side of the Court House.

Lura Walter was to call Reverend Sutton of one of the larger Negro churches to try to get an appointment for Herb Cohn to speak at their morning services on Sunday, October 10, 1954, after he had made his appearance at the ILWU, Local #6, meeting at Redmen's Hall.

During the evening, Vince Cabeebe told Howard Thompson he wants to sell his house and asked him to come over after Mrs. Cabeebe gets home from Hawaii about the 16th of October to list it for them. He also told the Thompsons he wants them to come over for dinner when Mrs. Cabeebe gets home."



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No action recommended.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
October 12, 1954"

"During the time that HORACE ALEXANDER spoke on the West side of the Court House on October 11, 1954, THOMPSON and KEYLOR were discussing the Communist Party and THOMPSON asked KEYLOR if he had heard from the State Committee of the Communist Party concerning the combining of the two Clubs of San Joaquin County. KEYLOR stated that they were very secretive about it and had not discussed it with him.

After the meeting was over, THOMPSON invited the KEYLORS out for a chicken dinner during the next week."

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"Early in September, after Mrs. CARRENE left for the Hawaiian Islands, VINCE CARRENE and Mrs. SAUNDERS, wife of the attorney, gave a party for the benefit of the National Guardian."

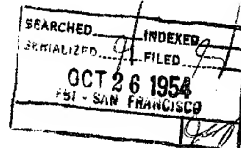
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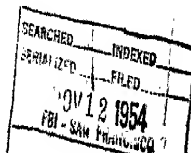
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SF 1604-S advised on 10/20/54 that ARCHIE MANLEY has been known by him for a number of years and that MANLEY is the head of the NAACP in Tracy, California, and has never had any connection or expressed any sympathy with the CP in this area. SF 1604-S advised that subject has been in contact with members of the local CP on such occasions as both would be working on problems involving Negro rights.

Inasmuch as subject has never had any CP sympathy as indicated above, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter, and this case is being considered closed.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 11/1/54. This report, dated October 25, 1954 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Independent Progressive Party
October 25, 1954
Stockton, California

"The Independent Progressive Party Club of San Joaquin County held its regular meeting on Friday evening, October 22, 1954 at the home of Arthur and Lura Walter.

"Those present were:

Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Leo Konopko
Lura Walter

"Discussion for the evening was centered around plans for the appearance of the IPP candidate, Isobel Gerney in Stockton on Sunday, October 31, 1954. Lura Walter was appointed to contact Rev. Williams and Evangeline Keylor said she would contact Rev. Sutton. Chairman Leo Konopko announced a special meeting will be held on Friday evening, October 29th to complete plans for the visit.

"Plans were made for the distribution of campaign literature during the week beginning Monday, Oct. 25th.

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"Howard Keylor announced that a party is to be given on November 6, 1954 at the home of Henry Saunders at 1349 E. Lindsey for the benefit of the National Guardian. Mrs. Saunders is to be the hostess and her husbands name is not to be mentioned in connection with the party.

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No action recommended.

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SA ROBERT F. CAVALE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by
SF 1604-S on 12/2/54. This report, dated 12/1/54, is set out verbatim
and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 1, 1954

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"On Saturday evening, November 27, 1954, at about
6:00 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the home of HOWARD THOMPSON.

"HOWARD KEYLOR stated that he was going 'North' on
Sunday to attend a meeting and that he had not received word
of any decision on what was to be done concerning the merging
of the two Stockton Clubs. He said the last time he had
seen VIRGIL COLE that COLE had told him it would be some time
before a decision is made because they were doing some investi-
gating. COLE also told him (KEYLOR) not to discuss the
situation with the THOMPSONS.

"KEYLOR asked the THOMPSONS to give him their dues
so he could turn them in. The THOMPSONS told him they did
not feel that they should pay any more dues until some action
was taken, since they were not being treated as Party members.

"KEYLOR also stated that the last time a meeting
was scheduled he had been unable to 'make contact' and he
did not know what had gone wrong."

No action recommended.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286),
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: 1/31/55

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 1/4/55. This report, dated 12/31/54, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 31, 1954

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"HOWARD KEYLOR and MAE MURRAY arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Louise Ave. on Thursday evening, December 30, 1954 at about 7:15 PM. HOWARD THOMPSON was visiting a neighbor when they arrived, but he returned home at about 8:00 PM.

"The evening was spent in visiting until about 9:30 PM when LULU MAE THOMPSON made coffee and then HOWARD KEYLOR stated they had better tell why they had come. He said that the State Committee had not come to any decision on what to do about the THOMPSON's situation, but they were told to collect their (THOMPSON's) dues and register them. If THOMPSON's still refused to pay their dues until the situation was cleared up, they would be dropped as members and would have to go through all the 'formalities' to be reinstated. When THOMPSONS tried to state their reasons for feeling they were not being treated

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as Party members, HOWARD KEYLOR stated they were instructed not to discuss 'issues' and every time anything on the subject was mentioned, he would repeat that they could not discuss issues.

"The THOMPSONS finally said they would pay their dues up to January 1, 1955, but they felt they would be justified in not paying any more dues until some disposition was made of their case.

"MAY MURRAY stated that it is very hard to get anything done in the Party. She said that a new man in the Modesto area has been trying to get his out-of-State transfer to her Club through for six months, but they are still working on it.

"HOWARD KEYLOR agreed to come to THOMPSON's every two weeks on Thursday evenings to hold meetings with them.

"MAY MURRAY stated that HOWARD KEYLOR had been appointed as the 'contact' from this area until the THOMPSON's position is determined and then, at that time, an election will be held to decide who will handle the job."

On 1/4/55, SF 1604-S orally advised the writer that he has heard of no recent CP activity on the part of FRED GENZEN, Oakdale, California.

On 1/4/55, SF 1604-S orally advised the writer that he has heard of no CP activity on the part of SAM WAH YOU, Stockton, California, or IRMA TUOMINEN, Tracy, California.

No action recommended.

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